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DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING STARTS ON MONDAY

HKVDC Has Last Gathering REGISTRATION OF ALL CITIZENS

Recruiting for the new Hong Kong Defence Force will commence on Monday, February 14, at five centres, three in Hong Kong and two in Kowloon, but the Force will not formally come into being until March 1.

Simultaneously with recruiting for the Defence Force, there will be voluntary registration of all citizens, both men and women, for non-combatant duty, as an auxiliary of the HKDF.

This announcement was made by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, at a dinner held by the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps at the China Fleet Club yesterday evening. It was the Corps' last meeting before its disbandment at the end of the month.

About 300 members of the Corps attended the dinner, which was presided over by the Commandant, Colonel L. T. Ride.

Extending a welcome to the Governor, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps, Lieutenant Colonel E.J.R. Mitchell reviewed the 20-year history of the Corps, and the part it played in the 1922 and 1925 strikes and again in the anti-Japanese riots of 1931.

He emphasised that though the Corps' chief role was to preserve the internal security of the Colony, it was nevertheless preparing to defend Hong Kong against a first-class assault power, and when the time came it would be equipped with a courage and loyalty that elicited widespread admiration.

More Decorations Expected

Out of 47 decorations granted to the entire garrison for the defence of Hong Kong, 24 went to the HKVDC, and more were expected. The Corps suffered the highest percentage of casualties. It lost nine officers and 200 other ranks, not including those who died in the prison camps.

"The HKVDC, I am sad to say, is now on its deathbed," said Colonel Mitchell, "but it will not be forgotten. Very soon we shall see the HKVDC is dead, long live the Hong Kong Regiment."

"Let us hope that our traditions will be passed on to our successors, such as our motto, and our old colours which I hope will be re-presented."

In memory of those members of the Corps who died in the defence of Hong Kong, the gathering stood in silence for two minutes, after which a toast was drunk to the Corps.

Sir Alexander Grantham was greeted with loud cheers when he rose to address the Corps. He said:

End Of An Era

"This evening is rather like a New Year's Eve party at the end of a century, where we say goodbye to the old century—the Hong Kong Defence Force, because on Monday recruiting will start for the Defence Force."

"But although recruiting is going to start on Monday, the HKVDC and the HKVNC will remain in being until the end of the month, and the new Force will not formally come into being until the same date."

"The reason for that is the preliminary of recruiting—setting up of forms, medical examinations, and so on, take a little bit of time. And when the existing Volunteer Organisation is to be disbanded at the same time as the new Force comes into existence, we would have no Volunteer organisation at all, nor would we have anybody on the register for the Force."

"Therefore, it is proposed that at the end of the month the existing Volunteer Organisation should be reconstituted and the new Defence Ordinance shall come into effect. There has been a great deal of correspondence in the papers recently as to what is the role of the Hong Kong Defence Force. It is precisely what Colonel Mitchell has just described the role of the former Volunteer Corps of this Colony, first and foremost, internal security."

Efficient Police Force

"Now we in Hong Kong are extremely fortunate in having an efficient Police Force in which I as Governor have the utmost confidence (Applause)."

"They can be relied upon to deal with any ordinary disturbance. But in the event of serious trouble, riots, and so on, they will need assistance. And first and foremost they will look to the HKDF for that assistance."

"As you know, there is to be a component of the Force called the Auxiliaries. One wing of that of that component is the Home Guard Wing. You can well imagine that the members of the Home Guard will be extremely valuable in guarding important strategic posts which will thereby relieve the regular police for other urgent duties."

"Then in the event of such trouble we have got to ensure that the essential services are kept working."

"In addition we shall need special constables. Whether we should have a special constabulary force or whether they should form part of the Essential Services Wing, has still to be worked out."

"The Auxiliaries of the Hong Kong Defence Force are a non-combatant part of the new forces. If things get worse, and the police and the auxiliaries feel they cannot deal with the situation alone, then the combatant components of the HKDF will be called in to assist."

"That, then, will be the prime and main function of the Hong Kong Defence Force. Internal security in Hong Kong is extremely important."

Along The Border

"Its next role will be along the border. As you know, there are bandits and guerrillas across the frontier. For several months past the police have had to have additional posts there. Should there be a serious influx of refugees, or should the situation of these guerrillas take it into their heads to create trouble on our side of the border, and the police are unable to deal with them alone, the first people we will look to for help will be the Defence Force."

"It is still insufficient, then, we shall have to seek the aid of the regular forces."

"The third role of the Defence Force is in war. I am not one of those who believe that war is around the corner. But it is a possibility, and we would be fools if we did not take it into consideration. The defence of the Colony in war falls primarily on the regular forces. But they will need the assistance of the Defence Force which is not only for internal security but also for combatant duties."

"With all these possibilities before us—internal disturbances, trouble on the border, and more remotely war—would we not be fools if we did not take our measures now and make our plans accordingly?"

"It is in the recollection of most of you that in 1925 the world was a great deal quieter than now. But still there was a general strike in which the HKVDC was used with great effect."

"Now the world is considerably more turbulent than it was then. We have made our plans, and we are going ahead with them."

"I hope that the majority of those who come forward will join the HKDF but there may be some who for one reason or another are unable or unwilling to do so at this juncture. What we ask them to do is to register, say what their qualifications are, and that they are prepared to assist should an emergency arise."

"On that register we want every loyal man and woman of this Colony to come forward, whether he is an engineer to assist at the power station or whether he is a man who is prepared to join the special constabulary instead of the HKDF, we want him to come forward and register his name."

"The recruiting organisation and the registration organisation will be one and the same. There will be five tenters—Corps Headquarters in Garden Road, Hong Kong Cricket Club, Club Lusitano, Club Recreio, and Kowloon Cricket Club. I should like to express my thanks and appreciation to those clubs for being so public-spirited as to offer their services for this purpose. (Applause)."

Steel Framework

"You gentlemen, I hope, will join the HKDF because you old stagers will be the steel framework. As you know, the idea of an all-embracing defence force, that is the military side and the civil side, for being so public-spirited as to offer their services for this purpose. (Applause)."

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PICTURE OF THE DAY A Fair Cob!



This male swan (cob, if one has to be purist about it) invaded busy Maida Vale in London and turned a deaf ear to the posse of police who arrived to unravel the traffic tangle. But when a keeper from Regent's Park talked to him in language he could understand, the swan made a dignified return to his own environment.—(AP Photo).

More U.S. Marines Leave China

Shanghai, February 9.

Whether for reasons of economy or policy it is now clear the United States will radically reduce the strength of her armed force in China.

Two troop transports with 1,600 U.S. Marines aboard, left Tsingtao yesterday. Some of them were bound for San Diego, California.

The departure leaves only one battalion of U.S. Marines at Tsingtao. Withdrawal of 1,600 Tsingtao marines from China on January 8 cut combat forces roughly to two marine battalions, one at Tsingtao and one at Shanghai, also afloat.

They remain afloat because it

status they infringe less on the sovereignty of China than when ashore. Also they are more mobile.

More Reductions Coming

Further reductions are certain. Vice Admiral Oscar Badger said recently the navy's port facility personnel stationed at Shanghai is to be sharply cut because there is no longer need for them. A good deal of port facilities work was handling supplies for the advisory group, which is now gone.

The Navy in Shanghai comprises a sizeable force of cruisers, destroyers, troopships, command ships and hospital ships. Sometimes during naval manoeuvres, the force dwindles to a skeleton of that strength. Most of it is based at Tsingtao, but there is usually one cruiser at Shanghai, sometimes a destroyer or two and an occasional command ship.

American nationals who feel their safety may one day depend on the amount of naval strength in these waters are not too worried about withdrawal of the marines since reinforcements at Guam and Okinawa are only a couple days steaming away, for practical purposes as close as Shanghai is to Tsingtao.—Associated Press.

The Weather

At noon GMT (8 p.m. HKST) China and Japan continue to be dominated by the intense Siberian anti-cyclone which shows no signs of weakening. A very complex trough system extends from the coast of the China coast to just E of Shanghai. It is stationary in the SW but moving slowly SE and E elsewhere. Behind it over E China, the N Easterly anticyclonic gradient has increased very considerably.

Today's Forecast—Fresh gale, ESE winds, strong in exposed places. Cloudy. Periods of light rain or drizzle at first. Maximum: 64.1 deg. F. Minimum: 44.3 deg. F. Humidity: 63.1 per cent. Total rain: 0.14 inch. Total snow: 0.02 inch. Sea: 1-2 ft. waves, 0.2 inch as against an average of 4.5 ft. waves, 0.2 inch.

Readings at:
Sun. 11.0 deg. F. Humidity: 63.1 per cent. Total rain: 0.14 inch. Total snow: 0.02 inch.
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Wed. 8.0 deg. F. Humidity: 63.1 per cent. Total rain: 0.14 inch. Total snow: 0.02 inch.
Thurs. 7.0 deg. F. Humidity: 63.1 per cent. Total rain: 0.14 inch. Total snow: 0.02 inch.
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NEW HOTEL RATES TO BECOME LAW Few Surprises

Adhering closely to the recommendations of the Hotel Rates Advisory Committee, an Hotels Ordinance to control rates for hotel accommodation and service had its first reading at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday.

The regulations in the Ordinance will apply to Hong Kong residents and to only 24 hotels in the Colony. Chinese hotels and boarding houses, catering essentially for Chinese guests, are to be excluded from control. Tourists and transient guests are not protected in the new Ordinance.

Government has apparently also accepted the Committee's opinion that the Paramount and Cathay hotels should not be brought under control as "they are in the nature of luxury hotels, essentially catering for wealthy Chinese." The two hotels are not included in the list attached to the Ordinance.

Moving the first reading of the Ordinance yesterday, Mr. J. B. Griffin, Attorney-General, said that the Bill has a twofold objective. It seeks to provide ordinary legislation to enable measures to be imposed on hotels in respect of accommodation and charges by way of legislation enacted by the Legislative Council rather than by perpetuation of the system of control by Defence Regulations.

The legislation, he added, will meet the desire which has been voiced in the Council that the law of the Colony should in time of peace only consist of the legislation of the Council, legislation by Defence or Emergency Regulations being avoided.

The second objective is to enable control by way of regulation of charges of guests, being a type of control which could not legally be provided for by Defence Regulations. The Bill, he said, is "largely an enabling measure."

Mr. Griffin said that representations from several sources have been received by Government regarding certain of the recommendations of the Committee. They have been received during the last few days and are being studied.

The Penalties

He added that in so far as criticism has not already been met by the form of the Bill and Regulations, effect will be given to criticism by amendment of the Bill or Regulations.

Strang In Shanghai

Shanghai, February 9. Sir William Strang, new British Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, arrived here today in the course of a survey of British interests in the Far East.

Among others he had talks with the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, who made a special air trip from Nanking for the purpose. It is learned that an effort is being made by the local British community to provide Sir William with a rough estimate of the present British stake in Shanghai.—Reuters.

tions at a later stage where necessity is shown.

According to the contents of the Bill, the Governor is given power to appoint any person to be the Quinquennial Authority for the purpose of the Ordinance. The Quinquennial Authority may make regulations to control hotel accommodation and charges for hotel services. All the regulations he makes must, however, be submitted to the Governor and will only come into force after being approved by resolution of the Legislative Council.

The Bill provides penalties for contraventions of any of the regulations made under the Ordinance. A maximum prison sentence of six months and a maximum fine of HK\$1,000 are included in the Bill.

The Bill also provides for re-pealing of the "Price Control (Hotels)" (Control of Charges) Ordinance.

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Chinese Turned Back From Siam

Bangkok, February 9. Siam immigration officials said that during January, more than 300 would-be Chinese immigrants without properly vised passports returned from Siam to Chinese ports.

They said most of these returned to Swatow or Hong Kong. The action was taken during the first month of the enforcement of new immigration regulations, including the reduction of the Chinese immigration quota from 10,000 in 1948 to 200 this year.

The Immigration Department said 140 of this year's 200 Chinese immigrants quota has already been filled and the Indian quota of 200 for 1949 was already filled.—Associated Press.

Reds Mass On Yangtse

Shanghai, February 9.

The first major Communist bid to cross the Yangtse loomed today South West of Nanking as General Chen's Communist armies poured into the region North of the river opposite Huhu in considerable strength. Nationalist military sources here revealed.

The source said that the Communist army, which is the largest of the Yangtse, is a 120-mile stretch of the river (between Hohen, in Eastern Anhwei, and Yuki, which is situated with little said islands, besides being unusually shallow and narrow).

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Arbitration Of Disputes

The Quinquennial Authority shall not make a declaration that a person is a Hong Kong resident unless he is satisfied that the person has resided in Hong Kong for a consecutive period of not less than six months before making such a declaration, or if the period, in which he resided in the Colony before making the declaration, combined with the period he intends to stay aggregate to six months.

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1. To receive and consider the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948.
2. To sanction a Dividend in respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the Transfer Books and Register of Members will be closed from the 14th February, 1949, to the 28th February, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a Ship's name.

We, India General Navigation & Ry. Co., Ltd. of 4, Fairlie Place, Calcutta 1, hereby give notice that in consequence of change of ownership, We have applied to the Minister of Transport, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the steamship "WA HING" of Hong Kong, Registry Official Number 181, 262 Gross tonnage 558 tons, register tonnage 227 tons, heretofore owned by TA HING CO., (HONGKONG) LTD., ST. GEORGE'S BUILDING, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG for permission to change her name to Mumtaz and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of HONG KONG as owned by The India General Navigation & Railway Co., Ltd.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Friday, 18th February, 1949, to Friday, 4th March, 1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

R. TAYLOR,
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Hong Kong, Feb. 5, 1949.

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B. MELLOR
Registrar.

February 8, 1949.

MARINE DEPARTMENT
NOTICE NO. 5 OF 1949.

Tenders are invited for the purchase of the motor junk "Hung Sing Lee" as she lies at the Government Slipway, Yau-mat.

Tenders should be sent to the Acting Director of Marine before noon on Wednesday the 16th of February, 1949. Tenders should be enclosed in a sealed envelope.

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The successful tenderer will be required to pay the purchase money at the Marine Department within forty-eight hours of being advised of the acceptance of the tender and to remove the vessel from the above premises within twenty-four hours after the payment of the purchase money.

The Acting Director of Marine does not bind himself to accept the Highest or any tender.

N. GARLAND,
Acting Director of Marine.

Marine Office,
Hong Kong, Feb. 9, 1949.

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Notice is hereby given that the Thirtieth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of this Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 10, Des Voeux Road, Central, on Saturday, the 12th February, 1949, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 5th February, 1949 to Saturday, 12th February, 1949, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, January 24, 1949.

HONG KONG KENNEL CLUB.

Members are notified that a talk on "Dogs & Dog Shows" will be given by Mr. W. S. Hunt at the roof garden, Hong Kong Hotel at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 10th February.

A few copies of the H.K.K.C. Year Book are still available at Kelly & Walsh Ltd.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB
NOTICE TO MEMBERS

First Extra Race Meeting,
Saturday, 12th February, 1949.

There are nine races, the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. The first race will be run at 2.00 p.m. and the last at 5.00 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax, are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

Servants' Passes.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to give the passes. Holders of these passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their employers' stands.

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Indonesian Factions To Hold Conferences

RACIAL BARS TO BE LIFTED

Washington, February 8. The House of Representatives Judiciary Committee today unanimously approved legislation to repeal all racial bars to immigration into the United States.

The measure, which will be introduced into the House of Representatives today, will principally affect Asians, including Pakistanis, Koreans, Japanese, Malaysians, Indonesians, Filipinos and others.

Racial bars to Indians, Chinese and Filipinos already have been repealed.

The bill's sponsor, Representative Walter Judd, says the bill will enable 85,000 Asians at present in the United States to take out naturalization papers. He expects the House to act favorably on the measure.

Mr. Francis Walter, chairman of the House Judiciary sub-committee on immigration, said the bill will eliminate one of the major causes of friction in the Far East.—United Press.

GALES SWEEP PALESTINE

Tel-Aviv, February 9. Winter gales swept across the Holy Land today, damaging homes and uprooting trees in citrus groves.

Jerusalem was plagued by high winds. Roofs were blown off houses in the Holy City and torrential rains struck the coastal areas, causing further delays in loading ships in Tel-Aviv with Israel's fruit exports.

Heavy rains for the past week have created costly delays in citrus shipments.—United Press.

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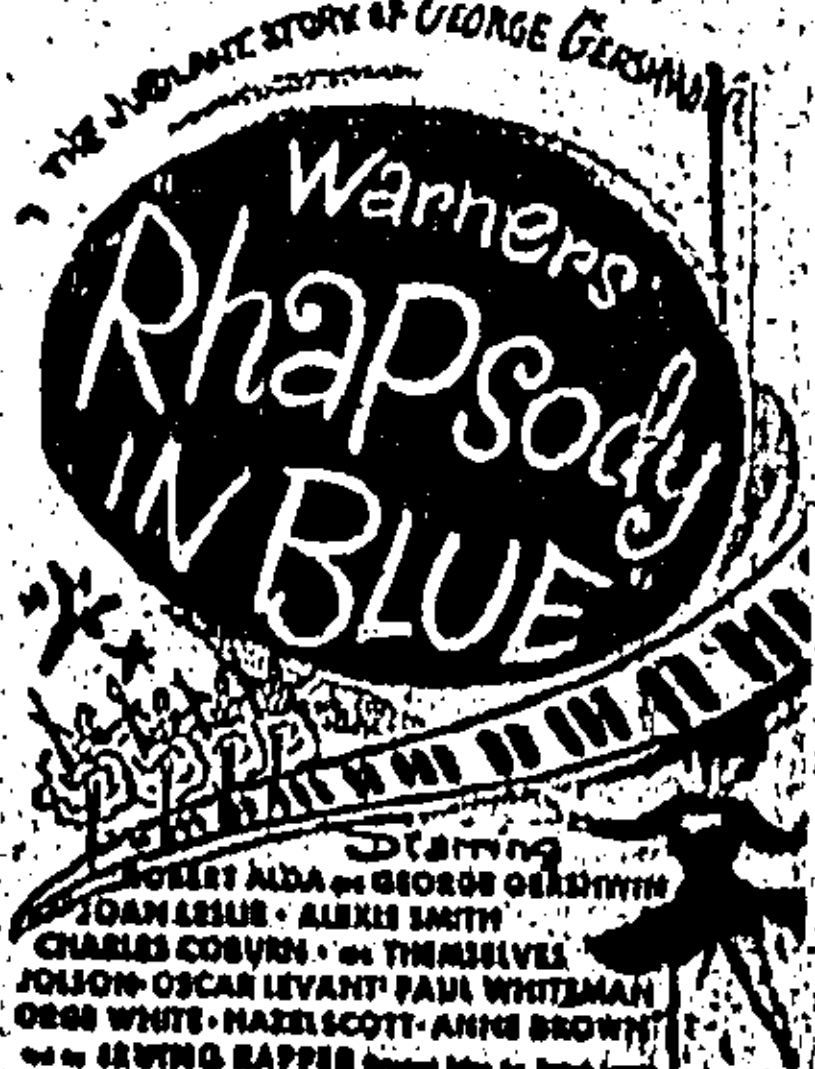
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H.K.T. 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary. 12.45 p.m.—"From the Film." 1.00 p.m.—Chamberlain: Cullinan-Ballet. 1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements. 1.30 p.m.—Interlude. 1.45 p.m.—"Grand Hotel" Albert Sandberg and Jains Court Orchestra with Tano Perendino. (Tenor). 2.00 p.m.—Class Duets. 2.15 p.m.—Programme Summary. 2.30 p.m.—Children's Story "The River Bank" by Eileen Trevor (BBC's) Part 5: "The Battle for the Gallies".

4.30 p.m.—La Demi-Heure Francise. (Studio). 7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay). 7.15 p.m.—Waltzes from Theatricals. 7.30 p.m.—"Down Beat, Discs" presented by Paul Rost. (Studio). 8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials." (London Relay). 8.10 p.m.—A short Concert with Joan Hammond (Soprano) as Solist. 8.30 p.m.—Fred Hartley and His Music. (BBC's). 8.45 p.m.—"Concerto" Piano Concerto No. 2 in F Minor Op. 21. (Chopin) Alfred Cortis (Piano) with Orch. Cond. by John Barbirolli. 9.15 p.m.—Book Review by Allen Dekker. (Studio). 9.30 p.m.—The Old Story of Simon Cole. A Musical Serial by Lester Powell. (BBC) Episode 5: "The Montparnasse". 10.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel. (London Relay). 10.15 p.m.—Weather Report. 10.30 p.m.—"Thursday Serenade" A Programme of Continuous Music. 10.45 p.m.—Dance to Joe Loss and His Orchestra. 11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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Batavia, February 8.

The Indonesian Republicans have agreed to meet Federalist leaders for informal talks on "orientation." The date of the talks has not yet been fixed.

The decision resulted from the joint visit of the Republican and Federalist representatives to Banka Island for discussions with the detained Republican President, Dr. Soekarno, and his Prime Minister, Dr. Mohammed Hatta.

The two groups returned from Banka today and they are expected to issue a statement about their visit very soon.

A tentative Dutch plan to offer the transfer of sovereignty to Indonesia before the middle of the year was commented on by the Indonesian Republicans.

This was disclosed today when the delegation returned from Banka Island with the Federalist group which accompanied it.

The new Dutch proposal—a revival of the plan suggested by the progressive Government of the Federal State of East Indonesia eight months ago—is that sovereignty should precede instead of following the period of reconstruction.

The gesture, which the Dutch are believed to have planned to try to convince the Republicans and the world of their sincerity, has progressed little further than the tentative proposal stage.

Retention Of Powers

It will require the agreed retention of certain powers by the Crown Representative for a period after the transfer of sovereignty.

Details of this will be worked out between the Netherlands and the Interim Federal Government of Indonesia.

It will also need Republican participation in the formation of the Interim Federal Government, to which sovereignty may be transferred.

Dutch sources here said wide acceptance of the proposal will help the Netherlands out of the difficulty of possibly having to reject the Security Council's four-point plan of January 29. This plan called for the immediate release of the detained Republican leaders and recommended a time table for the setting up of an independent and sovereign United States of Indonesia by the middle of 1950.

Coincidentally, the Dutch Government may seek the approval of the Security Council for the proposal as an alternative to the Council's plan.

For UN?

The Netherlands Government has agreed "in principle" to let the Indonesian Republican leaders go to Lake Success if they wish, but has raised practical difficulties.

Scientist's Prediction

Munich, February 8. Arnold Sommerfeld, 80-year-old professor recently awarded the American Physics Prize, predicted today that Russian science will not be able to mass-produce atomic bombs.

Professor Sommerfeld conceded that Soviet researchers will be able to duplicate American discoveries in developing atomic weapons but production problems will stymie the Russians.—United Press.

Releases From The Services

London, February 8. The Minister of Labour, Mr. George Isaacs, told the House of Commons today that men called up for service in or before August, 1947, will be released in time to commence their studies in the beginning of October, 1949.

He was answering a question by Dr. Fleming, Conservative, and said that men called up before August, 1947, will be ordinarily released before the end of September, 1949; men called up in August 1947 will ordinarily be released not later than the end of October, 1949, but the actual dates of release will in many cases be earlier.

Any intending students called up in August, 1947, who find that they are not due for normal release in time to start their studies next autumn will be allowed early release if applied for by their university authorities.—Reuter.

BATTLE AGAINST THE INSECTS

New York, February 8.

Eric Eweson, 51-year-old Swedish chemist, says that man will have to use germ warfare to win the battle with the insects for control of the world.

Man is slowly losing the battle because nature is on the side of the insects, he asserts.

He claims to have discovered how man can use bacteria in commercial plants to stop the vicious cycle of weaker soil, weaker plants, weaker human beings and stronger and more plentiful insects.

At the same time, he adds, it will stop man's pollution of the world's water supply.

A stocky, blond, red-faced man, Mr. Eweson two decades ago revolutionized the yeast industry by developing a method of growing yeast fungi on a diet of organic waste material instead of synthetic chemicals.

He took his idea to Canada and built yeast plants at two paper mills, using waste from newsprint pulp to grow yeast fungi.

"Waste from one paper mill can produce all the yeast needed

by all the bakers in the United States," he said.

Mr. Eweson lives at Newport Rhode Island, and for the last year has been working feverishly at an experimental plant at Mount Wolf, Pennsylvania, on his idea for saving soil.—United Press.

NARCOTICS HAUL

New York, February 9. Police today seized a quantity of narcotics with an estimated underworld sales value of \$2,500,000 in a New York apartment.

The seizure followed the arrest of Joseph Basile, 39, who was charged with unlawful possession of narcotics.

Federal agents and New York police said that heroin, cocaine and apparatus for cutting narcotics were found in the apartment.—Associated Press.

Officials Resign In Protest

New York, February 8.

M. Bela Balassa, acting Hungarian Consul-General in New York, announced tonight that he and his staff of four have resigned in protest against the conviction of Cardinal Mindszenty.

The Consul-General's announcement is the highlight of a flood of protests which began pouring into New York from all parts of the United States as soon as the Budapest sentences became known.

Archbishops led a chorus of verbal protests while in New York about 5,000 people are expected to gather at the City Hall to urge the Mayor, Mr. O'Dwyer, to cable the Mayor of Budapest demanding the Cardinal's immediate release.

A call for such a demonstration was issued by the "People's Committee to Free Cardinal Mindszenty," which says it wants other mayors to send similar cables.

Students of Catholic colleges in New York also announced plan to picket the Communist pickets at the court where 11 American Communists are on trial for alleged conspiracy to advocate the overthrow of the United States Government.

The New York Post says the convictions are "expected to have serious repercussions at Lake Success, where the bars are believed up against the admission of Hungary to the United Nations in the foreseeable future."

The Jewish War Veterans of the United States compare the sentences to the measures taken in Hungary to outlaw Zionism. "Communist denials of basic human rights are retracting the

BRAZIL FALLS INTO LINE

Washington, February 8.

The Brazilian Ambassador, Senor Taubuco, said today that he formally advised the Israeli Mission here last night of Brazil's full diplomatic recognition of Israel.

Senor Naubuco, acting on instructions from his Government, sent a letter to the Israeli representative notifying him of the recognition.

Asked if he had received any reply, Senor Naubuco said that he had received none so far, but "I imagine they are very pleased about it."—Reuter.

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SITUATION IN EUROPE VASTLY ENCOURAGING, SAYS DEAN ACHESON

Washington, February 8.

The current situation in Europe is vastly more encouraging than it was two years ago, Mr. Dean Acheson, U.S. Secretary of State, declared today. He claimed that the major cause of this is the European Recovery Programme.

"I believe that no one can fail to see the connection between the revival of the national life of a group of countries and the ability to protect the fruits of their labours," he said.

AFRICAN SELLING OF GOLD

London, February 8.

South Africa's sale of 100,000 ounces of gold in eight weeks will not saturate the free market for gold, it is believed that a similar quantity has often been traded from South America to the East in a single month.

Previous sales of best obtainable price in dollars were about \$41 in South America and \$40 in China but far higher in the interior of China.

Twenty-two carat sheets, ranking as manufactured gold, are not formally under the International Monetary Fund's ban on gold bullion dealings.

Nevertheless, London and presumably South Africa are interested in purchasing the Fund's reaction.

A few months ago, the Bank of England, at the Fund's instance, severely restricted London's previously big export business in 22 carat gold sheets. Some are of the opinion that South Africa may have difficulty in marketing sheets.

Even bullion dealers are rather surprised by the news of the deal since they had not known that buyers had accepted the terms.—Reuter.

Mr. Acheson was testifying in support of a continuation of the European Recovery Programme before a joint session of the Senate and House Foreign Affairs Committees.

He did not mention either the North Atlantic Pact or the proposed United States military aid programme to Europe by name, but said: "It is for this reason and for the furtherance of the security of the United States that we are now considering how best we can assist furthering the sense of security in Europe."

He said: "There has been no advance in totalitarianism on the continent of Europe. The free community of Europe has not only held its own but it has during this period made great strides forward."

"Within the participating countries there has been a rebirth of faith in the vitality of the democratic system and its ability to deal with post-war problems."

BRITAIN TO TAKE LEAD IN APPROACH TO REDS

London, February 8.

Britain, the United States and France have been in contact regarding their attitudes towards the Chinese Government which may be formed by the Communists.

The three powers agreed to co-ordinate their policies, with Britain taking the initiative in opening any Western relations with such a regime.

The British Cabinet has already discussed the problem of opening relations with the Chinese Communists.

It is likely to be some way off yet.

The British Embassy in Nanking is taking the lead in the Government's attitude towards the Chinese Communists.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman today said that the United States, Britain and France are engaged in general consultations on the Chinese situation.

The Department press officer, Mr. Michael McDermott, left unchallenged a London report that the three Governments are discussing their attitude towards a possible Communist government in China.

Mr. McDermott replied: "I will not say, when asked, whether the report is true or false. However, he added that the three powers are in almost constant general discussion on events in China—United Press.

No More Approaches To Moscow

Paris, February 8.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Robert Schuman, today flatly rejected any idea of Big Four talks until Russia lifts the Berlin blockade.

M. Schuman said the French Government has not suggested and has no intention of suggesting a "last hope" approach to Moscow for general peace talks before the North Atlantic pact is concluded.

"Our attitude and that of the United States and Britain, since last summer's Moscow talks, all along has been that until the Berlin blockade is lifted there can be no question of general peace talks with Russia."

"I have no reason to think that the United States and Britain, any more than France, have changed their position in this respect."—United Press.

RUSSIA PRODUCES ARMS REDUCTION SCHEME AT UN

Lake Success, February 8.

The Soviet Union today presented to the Security Council new disarmament proposals dealing with atomic weapons and conventional armaments.

The Soviet Union asked the Council, as a practical measure, to instruct the Disarmament Commission, to work out a plan of reduction in armaments and armed forces by one third in Britain, France, the United States, Russia and China, the reduction to be completed by March 1, 1950.

The plan itself should be ready by June 1 this year.

The resolution says: "The Security Council notes the creation in recent times of a number of groupings of States headed by the aggressive circles of certain great powers which wish to impose their policy on other countries, creating to that end air and naval bases in all parts of the globe which are not justified by the defence needs of those countries."

Other proposals: To instruct the Atomic Energy Commission to submit not later than June 1, 1949, a draft convention for the prohibition of atomic weapons and the control of atomic energy; these conventions to enter into force simultaneously.

A Succotash

2. To set up within the framework of the Security Council an international organization for the control of disarmament and atomic weapons.

3. To instruct the five permanent members of the Council to produce not later than March 31, 1949, data on all kinds of forces, including atomic weapons.

Mr. Warren Austin, the American delegate, ruled a laugh when he called the omnibus Soviet resolution a "succotash" (mixed vegetable purg) of unfamiliar ingredients.

"All the old peds and beans are there," he said, "including"

JET BOMBER'S AMAZING FEAT

Washington, February 8.

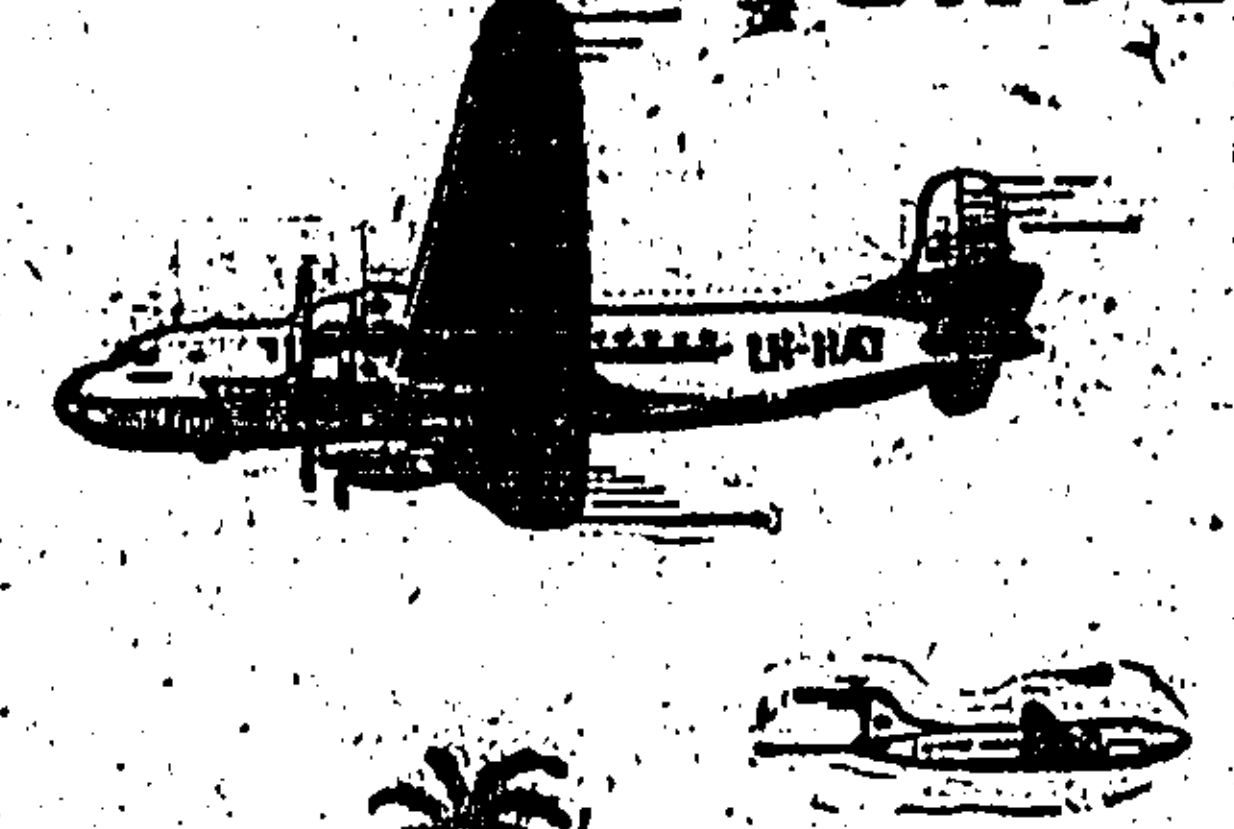
A six-jet Boeing bomber today established a trans-continental speed record when it flew from Moses Lake, Washington, to Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, in three hours 46 minutes.

The plane, weighing 60 tons, averaged 607.2 miles per hour for the 2,280-mile flight. A strato-jet can carry 10 tons of bombs. The plane left Moses Lake at 10:22 a.m. EST and arrived at Andrews Field at approximately 2:08 p.m. EST on what is described as a routine mission.—United Press.

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Stampede In Shanghai

Shanghai, February 9.

Two small girls, aged six and eight, were killed in a stampede in front of the Whangpoo police station in the former French Concession yesterday as a result of a riot staged by some 3,000 Manchurian refugees who were trying to collect "relief" funds at the station.

The refugees comprised disbanded army officers and men, Government employees, teachers and civilians who had travelled down to Shanghai following the Communist occupation of Mukden and other cities in Manchuria last year.

Yesterday's troubles started when some 100 former soldiers, freed at being kept waiting at a consular building, forced their way into the office of Captain Fung Wen-yao, the officer-in-charge, and smashed furniture.—Reuter.

Free Cars For Ex-Servicemen

London, February 8.

The Minister of Pensions, Mr. Mr. H. A. Morrison, was asked in the House of Commons today for details of plans to provide free motor-cars for certain disabled ex-servicemen and women.

He stated that plans have been made to supply 1,500 small cars. Certain adaptations of standard models have been arranged to meet the needs of disabled persons.

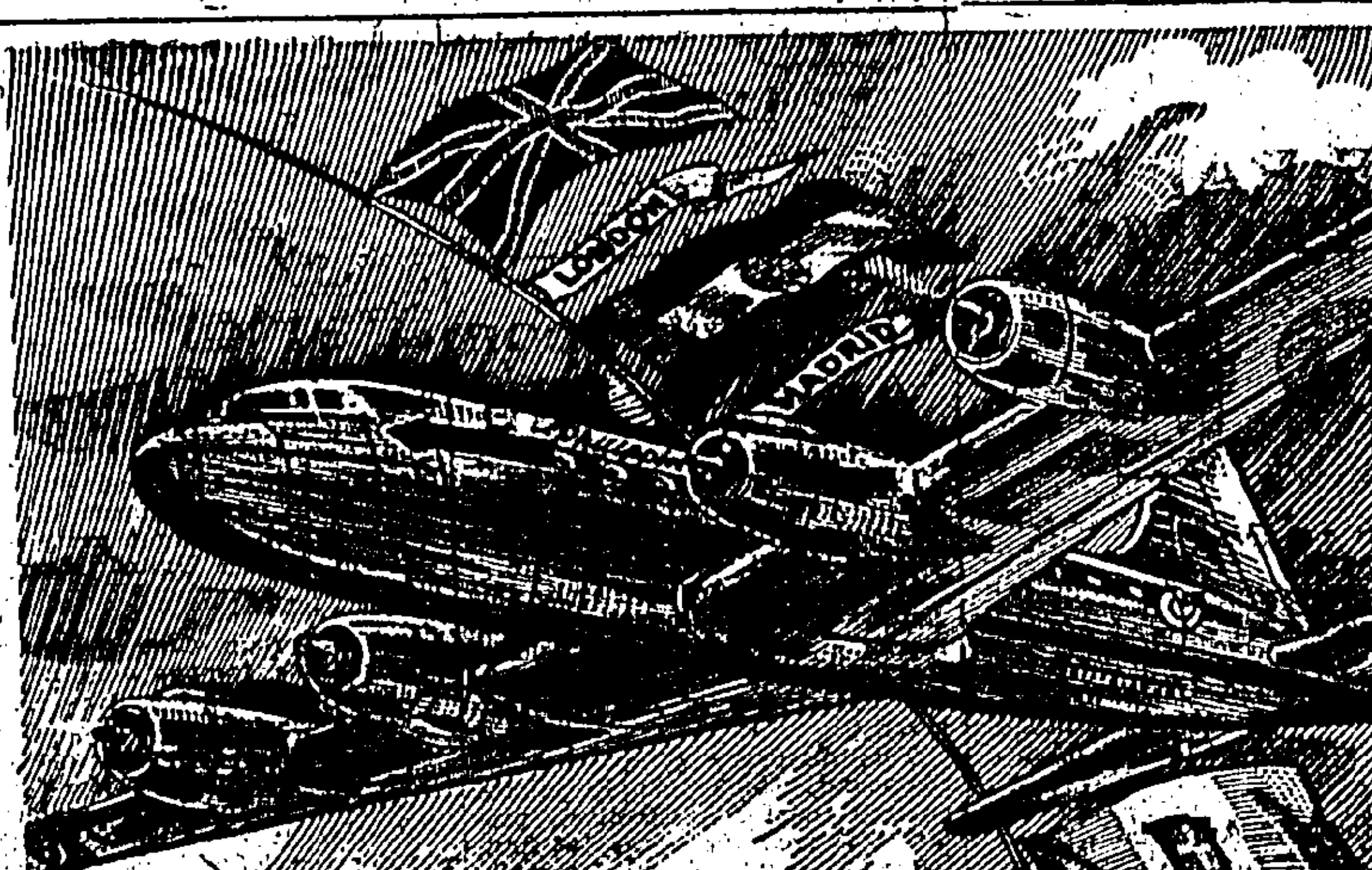
So far, 23 cars have been delivered. Fifty cars are to be available for blind pensioners.—Reuter.

ICI TO MINT ISRAEL COINS

London, February 8.

A British firm, Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited, is to mint Israel's first coins. The firm has been awarded a contract to mint about 140,000 coins.

The new coins will be based on the ancient currency—Reuter.



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ENGINEERING PAGE

New Tube Extension

The new extension to the Central Line of London's underground railway, whose labyrinthine now spread from Ealing to the mid of Epping Forest, has already become part of the everyday lives of millions who travel to the city and beyond to their comfortable and efficient train service is of vital importance and this recent improvement has deservedly earned the plaudits of all who have seen and journeyed on it.

One of the outstanding features of the modern stations along this line is the "daylight" illumination provided by fluorescent lamps in fittings specially designed to the specification of the London Transport Executive. Combining with the superb construction of each main station—speedy escalators, excellent ventilation, attractive appearance and spaciousness—the new lighting system helps to demonstrate to United Kingdom and overseas visitors alike the engineering skill which has gone into this outstanding postwar development.

The fluorescent lighting is shown to full advantage in the Bathna Green, Gants Hill, Wanstead and Redbridge Stations, where fittings supplied by The British Thomson-Houston Co. Ltd. are employed. The entrance to Gants Hill Station takes the form of an adequately yet not excessively illuminated subway, the lighting being sufficiently "warm" to create a comfortable atmosphere and of an intensity which permits comfortable vision. Occasional emergency fittings which are equipped with tungsten lamps provide a standard of comparison between old and new forms of lighting and emphasize the improvement which has been made.

ENGINEERING EXHIBITION

The British Engineers' Association of 32 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, are holding an Engineering and Marine Exhibition at Olympia, from August 25 to September 10 this year.

Since 1924 when that Association was responsible for the Palace of Mechanical Engineering at the Wembley Exhibition, the British Engineers' Association has sponsored a biennial Engineering and Marine Exhibition.

Just as, during last year, the specialised Machine Tool and Engineering Exhibition organised by their Member-Associates, the Machine Tool Trades Association was hailed as an outstanding success, so their own Exhibition of wider interest goes on each alternate year from strength to strength. For the EXHIBITION of 1949, the whole of the three halls at Olympia, London, have been hired.

BRITAIN INCREASES HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER



As part of British industry's vast programme of capital expansion, the North of Scotland Hydro-Electricity Board, doing everything in its power to complete the work now in progress on 12 of the 19 projects for which authority has been granted in Scotland 1,500,000 kw/hra of electricity are already being generated annually; and it has been estimated that the water-power potential is 6,274,000,000 kw/hra annually. Picture shows the growing dam of the Loch Sloy scheme in the mountains West of Loch Lomond. About 200,000 cubic yards of concrete will complete the dam, 1,200 feet long and 180 feet high, which will hold back 1,200 million cubic feet of water to power the four hydro-generators which will supply 130,000 kws. of electricity to the grid.

NEW ALLOY FOR MAGNETS

A new permanent magnet alloy has been developed due to the work of the British Permanent Magnet Association, in collaboration with the British Electrical and Allied Industries Research Association. The property in which the new magnet shows improvement is that of "coercivity" or resistance to demagnetization, and its chief application should be in electric motors and small generators. The new magnet alloy is a combination of iron, aluminium, nickel and cobalt. It also contains a rare element Niobium, a metal which occurs associated with tantalum in the rare mineral tantalite. Niobium received its name from Niobe, the daughter of Tantalus, son of Zeus, chief God of the ancient Greeks.

The new magnet alloy requires a new kind of heat treatment which includes keeping the magnet at a temperature of about 600 C. for a considerable time. By a new process, developed by the English physicist Professor D.A. Oliver, the new alloy is heated and then cooled in a magnetic field. The field must be applied in the direction in which it is ultimately intended to magnetize the material. The result is that the alloy can be more easily magnetized in that direction. The alloy is so hard that it is almost impossible to forge, cut or drill it even before it has received the heat treatment and the usual method of manufacture is to cast the magnets as nearly as possible to shape and remove any rough parts, or reduce to exact dimensions by grinding. When small holes are required in the magnet as, for instance, for fixing screws, the usual practice is to cast with a larger hole which can be filled with a soft alloy capable of being drilled.

New Precision Instruments

Instruments that measure to a degree of fineness of four parts in 1,000,000,000 will be included among several entirely new counting and measuring devices to be shown at the British Industries Fair this year.

Some of these instruments, on view in the scientific and optical section at Olympia, have been specially produced to meet the needs of atomic energy research. One firm is also expected to show a portable rate meter, scaling units and probes developed specially for the production of radioactive by-products of nuclear bombardment in atomic piles. The scientific and optical section covers a wide field of British scientific craftsmanship. Its exhibits also including cosmic ray recorders, a radar device that fits on the pilot's instrument panel in an aircraft and gives warning of other planes approaching in cloud or fog.

FORT WORTH, Texas—John J. Brachyl's car traveled every way but on four wheels. He collided with a truck, after which his car traveled 60 feet on two wheels, then toppled on its side and slid 100 feet, and finally rolled over on its top for another skid of 240 feet. Brachyl received minor bruises. —United Press.

Magnetic Escapement Clocks

The Horstman Clifford magnetic escapement which was originally developed for pendulum clocks only, can now be applied to alarm clocks, strikes and chimers, and mantelpiece clocks too. This was demonstrated some days ago at a one-day exhibition arranged by the British Horological Institute in London. The new magnetic escapement clocks were exhibited together with some of the finest historic pieces which brought early distinction to the United Kingdom clock industry.

Yet, though many visitors admired the famous John Harrison fourth-marine timekeeper which won a reward of £20,000 nearly 200 years ago and is still ticking, the show was stolen by the new magnetic device. It is not only delightful, fully simple but, as its inventor, Mr. C. F. Clifford declared, its commercial production is a good deal cheaper than that of the usual lever escapements of ordinary clocks.

Wrist watches, or others subject to continual shocks, vibrations, or change of position, cannot be made with the new magnetic device, but it is hoped that this may also become possible in a not too distant future. The quick adaptation of the new device from pendulum clocks to a whole series of other clocks shows the versatility of the new invention.

RECORDS BROKEN

London.—Britain's steel industry broke all records last year with an output of 14,877,000 tons. This was nearly 900,000 tons above the original target, and almost 400,000 tons higher than the revised target set in the middle of 1948. The previous best record achieved by the industry was 13,422,000 tons in 1939. The 1948 production also set new records for the steel industry, as compared with 12,787,000 tons in 1947.

New Weapon Against Fire

With Hong Kong's fire losses hitting a new high... the Colony will welcome the arrival of a new weapon ALBI "R" to fight fire.

After years of research, this paint, so revolutionary that it marks a new era in the field of fire protection was discovered in the laboratories of Harvard University.

This discovery of a chemical compound, which simply painted on any surface, effectively protected it from fire, was at first too great a miracle to be readily accepted. So to prove that this was no "flash in the pan", it was sent to the experts. ALBI "R" was sent to the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.—to the New York Board of Standards and Appeals—to the United States, British and Canadian Governments—to fire officials, safety directors and building inspectors. After critical tests, their reports gave substantial evidence that this paint is an important new means to simple, effective and economical fire protection.

The paint is a fire retardant coating material designed for use on combustible surfaces such as wood, plywood, fibre insulation board, acoustical tiles and non-combustible surfaces such as plaster, plasterboard and non-protected metal. When exposed to flame or high heat, it forms an insulating mat. This prevents the flame from spreading and considerably retards the penetration of heat to the surface over which the paint is applied. Sole agents for these products are: THORESEN & CO. LTD. and their distributors are H. C. Patterson & Co. of David House, a local demonstration will be held in the near future.

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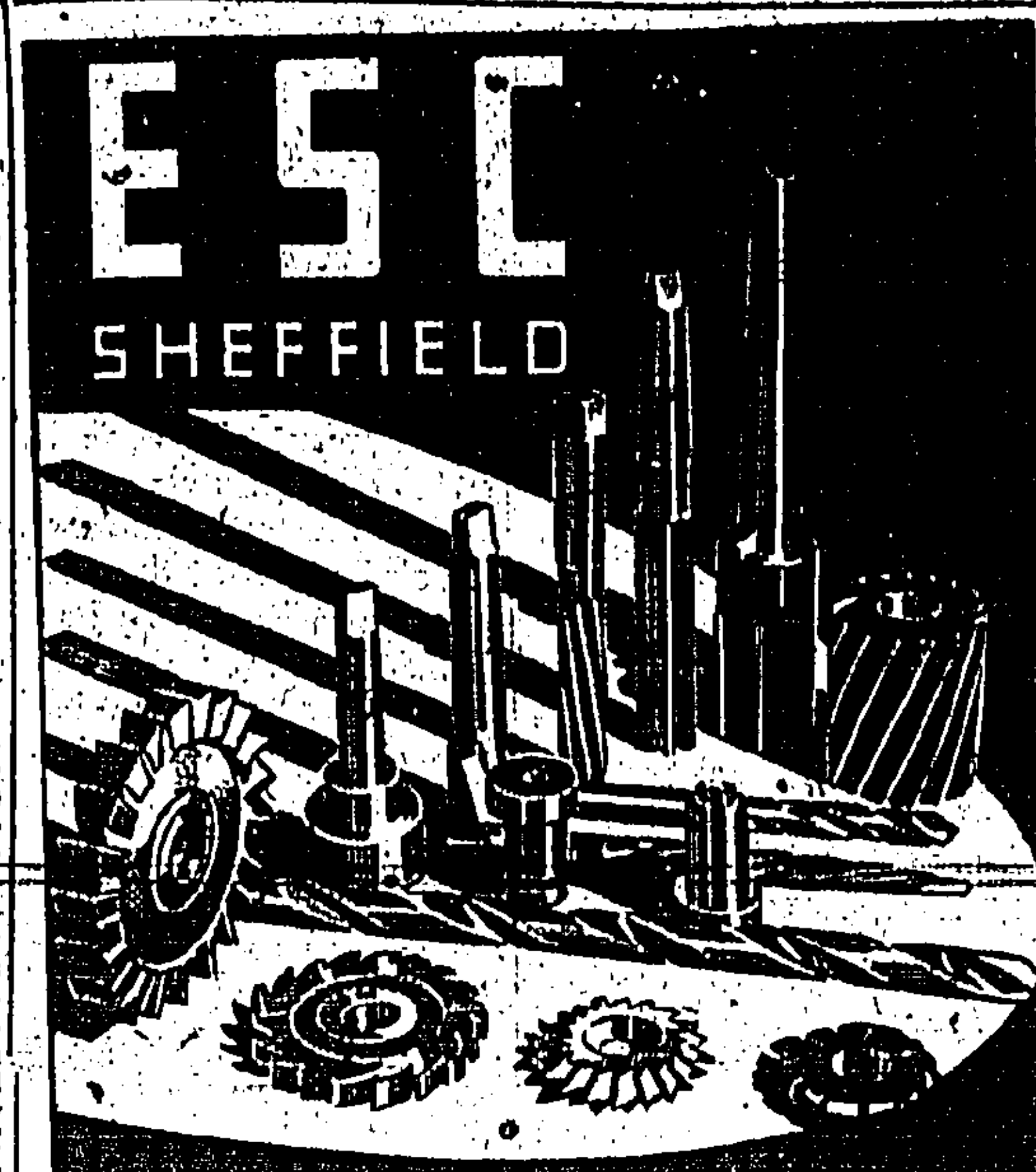
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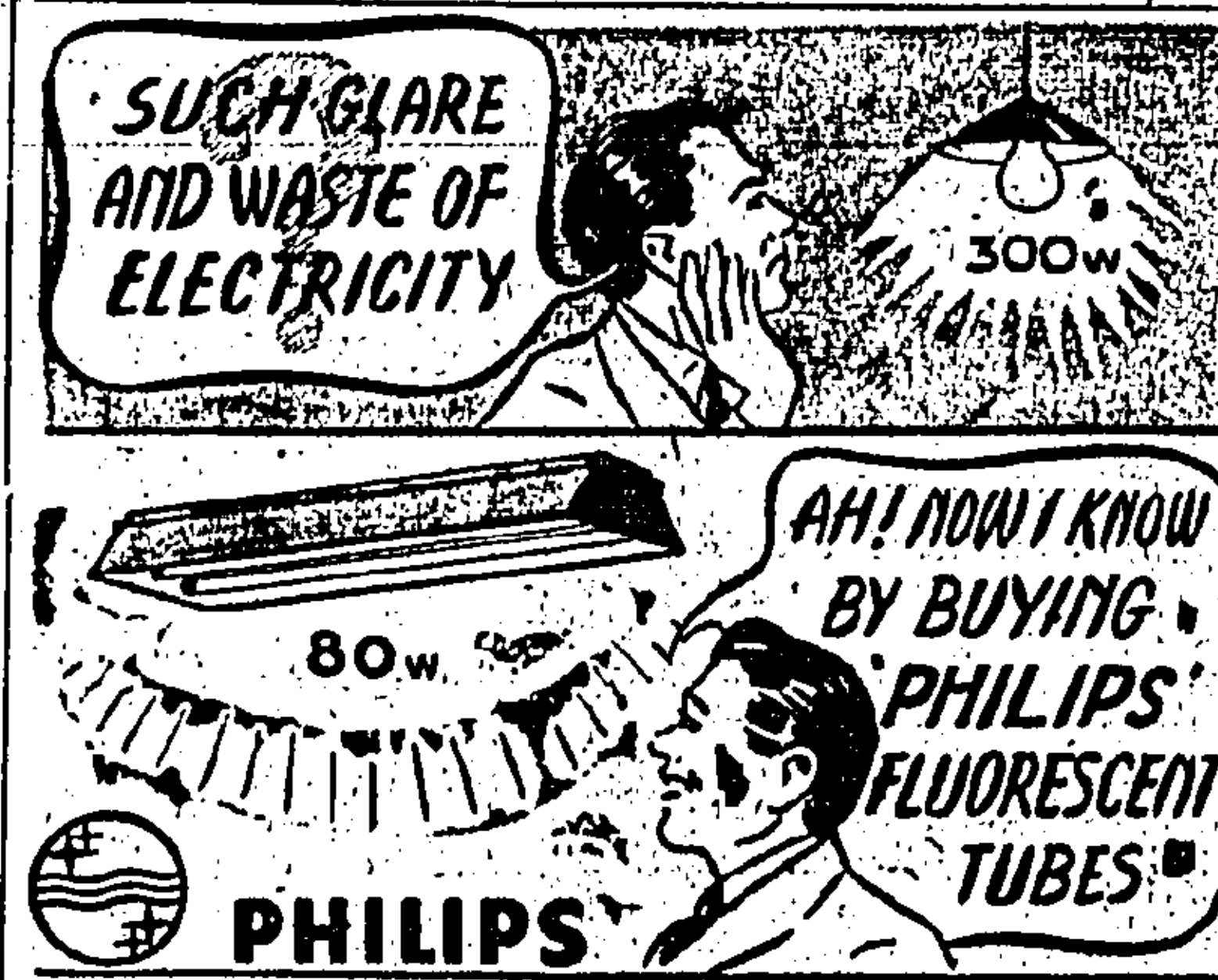
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WORLD'S CONDEMNATION OF SENTENCE ON MINDSZENTY

Advance Naval Base At Manus

Canberra, February 8. The Navy Minister, William J. F. Riordan, said today that Australia is establishing her advance naval base at Manus Island instead of Dugor for strategic reasons. Manus will be a fuelling base for Australian and Allied ships and a warning centre for approaching enemy ships or aircraft—United Press.

TALKS ON PALESTINE ARMISTICE

Beirut, February 8. Contantine Stavropoulos, Dr. Bunch's delegate, who arrived here Monday evening, talked with the Premier and Foreign Minister for two hours. Although there is a news black out, it is believed that Stavropoulos brought the information required by Syria and the Lebanon concerning their invitation to Rhodes as decided at their Bhamoun meeting.

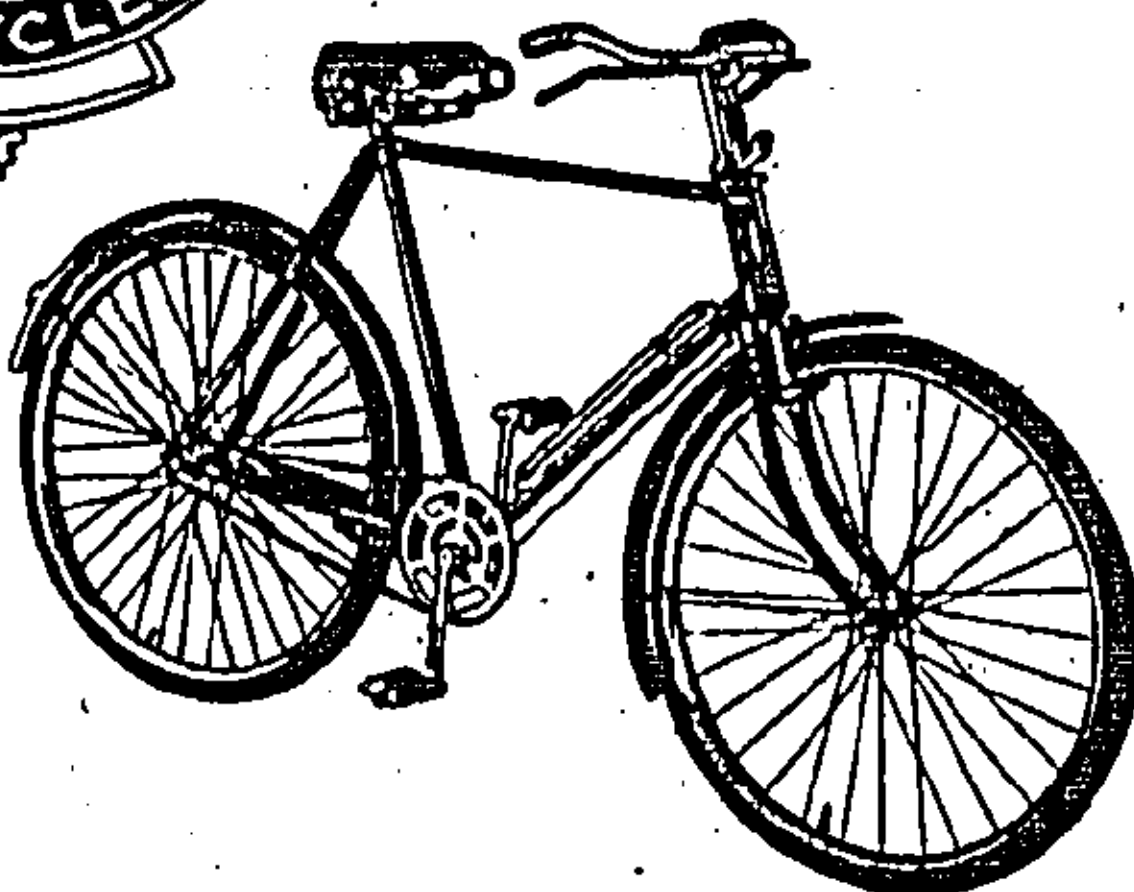
Well-informed circles believe that the Lebanon insists on Jewish withdrawal from Lebanese territory before negotiating. The results of the meeting were telephoned to the Syrian Premier, and Stavropoulos left for Damascus on Tuesday morning.

Lebanon has received cables reports on the Arab states delegates meeting with the Egyptian Premier. It is believed that the conference reached no definite decision—Associated Press.

London, February 8. The Minister of Supply, Mr. G. R. Strauss, said in the House of Commons today that the following countries had so far received British jet planes: Argentina, France, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Holland, Canada, India and Switzerland—United Press.



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Pontiff Deeply Grieved: Indignation In Britain

London, February 8.

Pope Pius XII is "deeply grieved" by the life sentence passed on Josef, Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, it was reported from the Vatican today.

In London, the Foreign Office is urgently considering the verdict. Several Members of Parliament are to ask questions in the House of Commons.

Mr. William Gallacher, Communist Member of Parliament, predicts that the Cardinal will be freed shortly. Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, British prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, says the Budapest trial was "a travesty of the methods of justice."

Mr. William Teeling, Conservative, is to ask the President of the Board of Trade if he will consider breaking off trade pact negotiations with Hungary.

Mr. Harry Pollitt, General Secretary of the Communist Party, commented that the trial "has undoubtedly established for all impartial opinion the accuracy of the charges and the justice of the sentence."

Mr. George Bernard Shaw, the playwright, said: "The question is a very difficult one. If the verdict is to be regarded as purely anticlericalism, it is indefensible. But the notion that priests and scientists should be exempted from the common law is equally indefensible."

Dutch Abhorrence

The Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr. D. U. Stikker, told the Second Chamber that his Government regards the Mindszenty case with "abhorrence," but can act only in accordance with present-day international custom.

If the Dutch Government takes any steps in the matter, foreign powers may wish to intervene in Dutch internal affairs, he added. The Dutch non-Catholic press describes the trial as "well conducted." The Liberal Nieuwe

Rotterdamse Courant said: "The general trend was business-like but not unfriendly, and one need not be a psychiatrist to see that the accused were in full possession of their faculties."

In Paris Father Albert Gau, the popular Republican (Catholic) Deputy, who was refused permission to interview the Cardinal before the trial, told Reuter: "The verdict is an act of cowardice. They did not dare kill him."

Father Riquet, a preacher at Notre Dame Cathedral, who was once a prisoner in a German concentration camp, said the trial and its conclusion will "revolt every human conscience."

Had To Go

In Vienna, political circles said the Hungarian Government has succeeded in its aim of proving to East European Catholics that the Vatican is neither infallible nor omnipotent.

In Brussels, a spokesman for Cardinal Van Roey, Primate of Belgium, said Cardinal Mindszenty "had to disappear" because he opposed the undertakings of a regime of tyranny."

In Bonn, Dr. Adenauer, the Catholic President of the West German Constituent Assembly, said "the pressure of Western democratic public opinion" had probably saved the Cardinal's life.

Herr Heinz Renner, a Communist Assembly member, said that if the Church had been as willing to work loyally with new regimes in Eastern Europe as it had been to conclude treaties with Hitler, "there would have been no Mindszenty case."

In Berlin, a Christian Democratic Union statement condemned "the abominable Red justice comedy."

High Catholic Church dignitaries went into a conference at the home of Cardinal Count Conrad Von Freysing, the Catholic Archbishop, immediately after they heard of the verdict.

Cardinal Von Freysing is at present on holiday in Bavaria.

U.S. Reaction

Budapest evening newspapers giving the court's verdicts under huge headlines were on sale within an hour of the adjournment of the court.

Budapest Radio broadcast part of this morning's proceedings. While American Church leaders reacted cautiously to the trial and sentence, the State Department declined comment. It is expected that the first official American reaction will be expressed by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, at his weekly press conference tomorrow.

Dennis, Cardinal Dougherty, 83-year-old Archbishop of Philadelphia and spiritual leader of nearly 1,000,000 Catholics, called the trial and conviction an "injustice and a horrible persecution by the Communists."

The Catholic Archbishop of Boston, the Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing, called for prayers for the "persecutors" of Cardinal Mindszenty, while the Catholic Archbishop of Washington, Monsignor Patrick J. O'Reilly, called for prayers from all for the Cardinal.—Reuter.

Minister's Denial

Budapest, February 8.

The American Minister in Budapest, Mr. Selden Chapin, this afternoon described the charges made against him during the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty as "nonsense and pure fantasy."

Mr. Chapin told Reuters: "The verdict and proceedings are what could be expected. The implications concerning me in the court's final remarks, as well as the allegations during the proceedings, imply improper conduct on my part."

"The allegations are nonsense and pure fantasy," he said. During the trial the court held that Mr. Chapin had had illegal dealings with Cardinal Mindszenty; had known of, and engaged in, the Royalist plot of which Cardinal Mindszenty is said to have been the leader; and had been given information of an espionage network by Cardinal Mindszenty.—Reuter.

New Motor Ships For Maersk Line

New York, February 9.

The Maersk Line will add five new motor ships to its Far Eastern service this summer and autumn.

T. Host, President of the Moller Steamship Company, Incorporated, of New York, general agents for the Danish-owned line, said the first ship will begin operating in June. The others will go into service during following months at the rate of one a month.

They will ply between New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Newport News, Virginia—via the Panama Canal—and such Pacific ports as the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Kobe and Yokohama, Japan.

U.S. West Coast ports of call will include Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Each ship will have a maximum speed of 16 knots and average 9,000 deadweight tons. They are specially designed for the Far Eastern trade routes. They will have such features as cooled deep tanks for carrying vegetable and other oils, strong

CHURCH PROPERTY WON'T BE TOUCHED

Budapest, February 8.

Church property owned by Cardinal Mindszenty as Archbishop of Esztergom and Primate of Hungary will not be touched by the State following his sentence to life imprisonment today. A spokesman of the Hungarian Ministry of Justice said this to Reuter.

Alleged To Have Spied Against West

Heidelberg, February 9.

A German woman accused of spying for Czechoslovakia will be tried on February 14 in the first spy trial in Germany since the war, the U.S. Army announced.

Army headquarters identify the woman as Elfriede Zirkil, 33, a Sudeten German who lived in Czechoslovakia before the war.

She is the first to be tried of 20 persons arrested on November 2 as members of a Czechoslovakia spy ring.

They will be tried by a Military Commission of 10 U.S. Army officers and two American civilians authorized to assess the death penalty.

Elfriede Zirkil, who is said to have used "Lillian" as her cover name in her alleged spying activities, is accused of reporting political and military information to Czechoslovakia, an official Army headquarters said.

The U.S. Army said that the agents were assigned to gather military information about U.S. and British troops including the designation, location, strength and activities of troop units, activities and personnel of the U.S. counter-intelligence groups and official military documents.

Political information including the activities of refugee groups within Germany with special attention to individuals designated as "intelligence targets" who have sought political refuge in Germany.

Industrial information including the condition of harbours, reconstruction of certain industries and the volume and type of traffic on certain rivers.—Associated Press.

The Ministry spokesman said that as the Cardinal owns no personal property, the part of the sentence referring to "confiscation of the private property" is purely formal.

The Cardinal owns property not personally but only in his capacity as Archbishop and Primate, and such property will not be touched.

The spokesman mentioned the Cardinal's own statement at the opening of the trial when he asked to be allowed to list his fortune or property. The Cardinal told the court that he possesses no property.

The Cardinal told the court during the trial that his own estate of 18,000 acres was divided in the land reform of 1945.

Esterhazy Estates

The person who will be most affected by the property clause in the sentence is Prince Paul Esterhazy, once one of Europe's richest land owners.

Prince Paul lost an estate of 300,000 acres in the land reform of 1945. He told the court that he still owns considerable sum of money besides the wine cellars, forests and vineyards and employs a considerable legal and administrative staff to deal with his property.

The Prince will still own his estate of almost 150,000 acres in Austria and another estate of 2,000 acres in Southern Germany.

President Vilmos Oity of the People's Court, which passed the sentences this morning, told a correspondent that the Supreme Court will consider appeals from the lawyers of those defendants who said they do not wish to appeal.—Reuter.

London Denies Secret Pact

London, February 8.

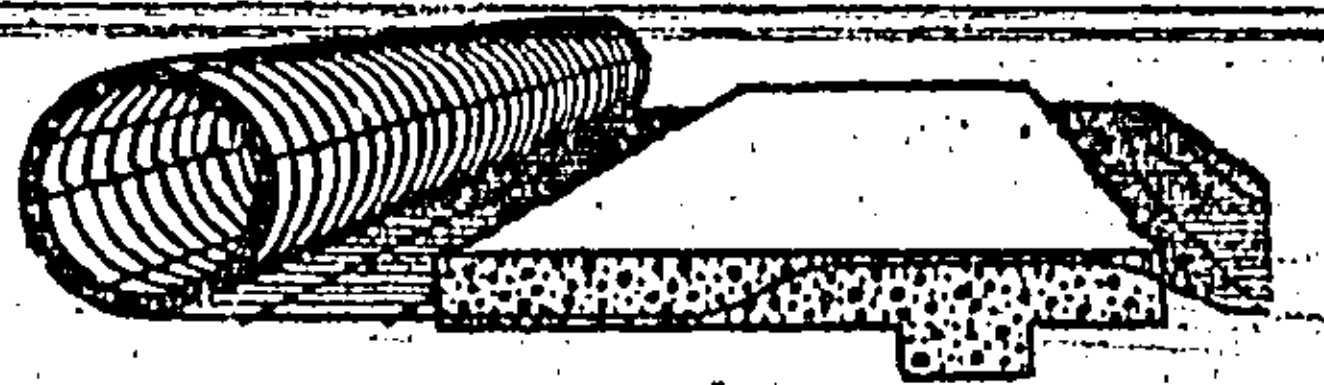
A Foreign Office spokesman denied today that Britain has a secret understanding with Israel to accord her full de jure recognition in exchange for the use of bases in the event of war.

The spokesman was commenting on a despatch received in London today from Cairo quoting the Wadist newspaper "Al Nidar." The newspaper published a report that the Israeli President, Dr. Chaim Weizmann, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, had reached a "secret agreement" which will form the basis of a treaty of alliance.

The Foreign Office spokesman said Mr. Bevin and Dr. Weizmann have never had such talks.—Reuter.

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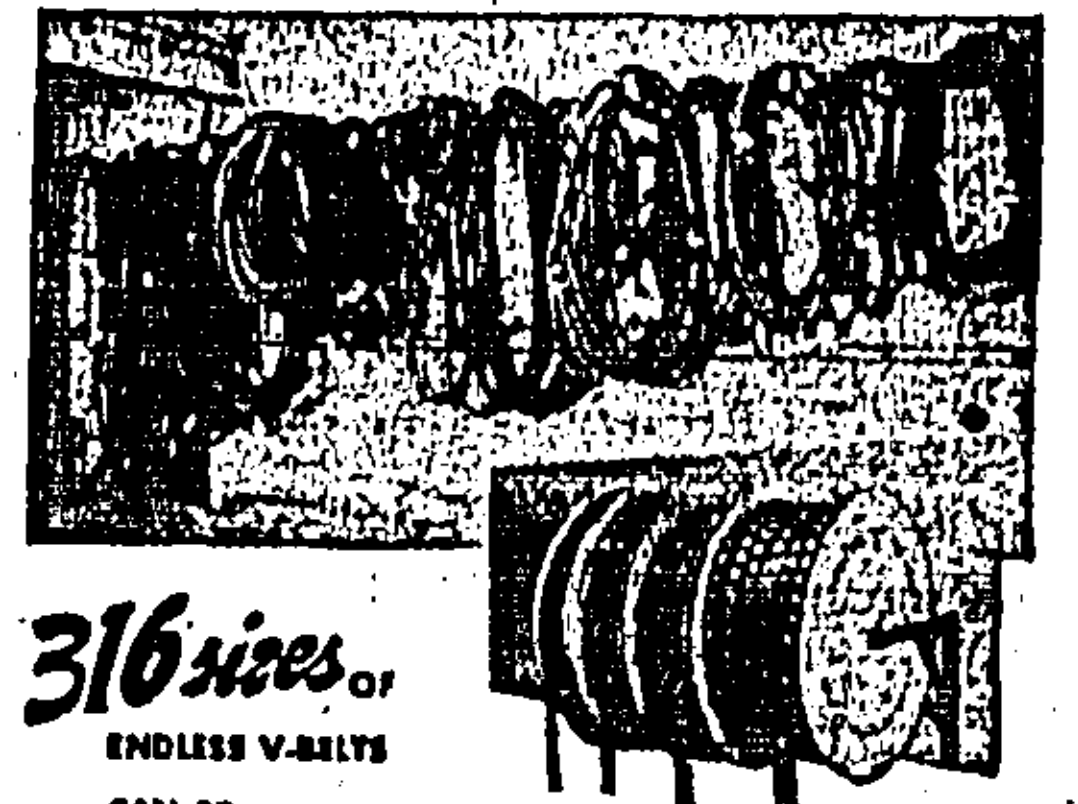
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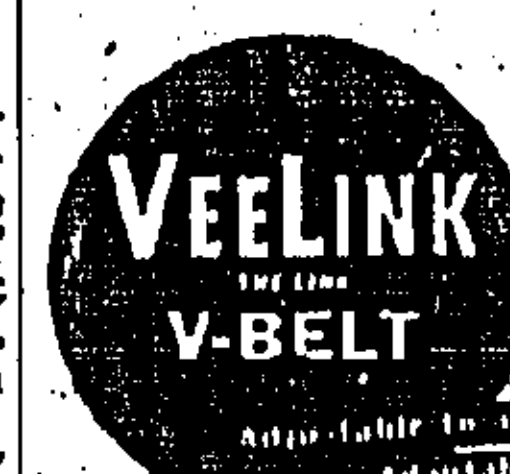
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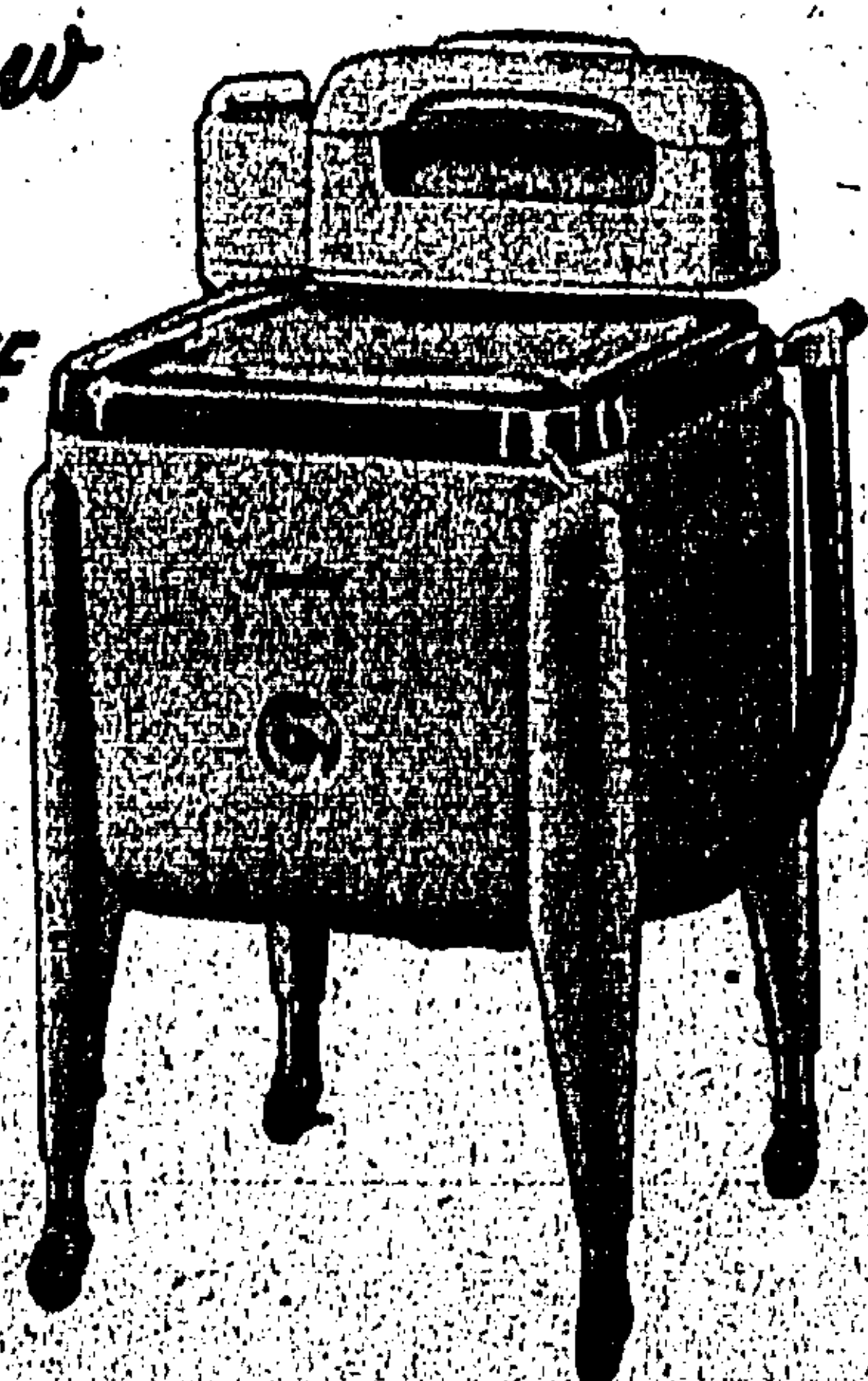
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Of The War In Europe

Hundreds of thousands were quickly evacuated. These were in addition to prisoners of war and were those civilians who had been somewhere in Europe and desired to return to them at once. We organised camps to take care of these classes temporarily and fed them while we worked out transportation plans.

As soon as we came to designate particularly in this placed Persons DP's for short, did not include these easily displaced thousands. The truly unfortunate were those who, for one reason or another, no longer had homes or were "persecuted" who dared not return home for the fear of further persecution. The terror felt by this last group was impressed on us by a number of suicides among individuals who preferred to die rather than return to their native lands. In some instances these may have been traitors who rightly feared the punishment they knew to be in store for them. But in many other cases they belonged to the oppressed classes and saw death as a far less terrifying thing than renewed persecution.

The Allies had, on the political level, worked out formulas for distinguishing between displaced persons who were to be returned to their own countries and those who were to be cared for by the occupying powers. These policies and agreements we first tried to apply without deviation, but we quickly saw that "their rigid application would often violate the fundamental humanitarian principles we espoused. Thereafter we gave any individual who objected to return the benefit of doubt.

Of all these DP's the Jews were in the most deplorable condition. For years they had been beaten, starved, and tortured. Even food, clothes, and decent treatment could not immediately enable them to shake off their hopelessness and apathy. They huddled together—they seemed to derive a feeling of safety out of crowding together in a single room—and there passively awaited whatever might befall. To secure for them adequate shelter, to establish a system of food distribution and medical service, to say nothing of providing decent sanitary facilities, heat, and light was a most difficult task. They were, in many instances, no longer capable of helping themselves; everything had to be done for them.

Other groups of unreturnables included former citizens of the Baltic States—Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania—which had been incorporated into the USSR. Thousands of the Balts we found in Western Germany were classified as stateless; they had fled because of a record of opposition to the seizure of their countries and could not return. They were relatively healthy, strong, and quite ready to work to improve their buildings and surroundings. Along with these were also Poles, Ukrainians, Rumanians, Yugoslavs, and others.

As soon as the news spread about Eastern Europe that the Western Allies were treating displaced persons with consideration, additional thousands began seeping into our zones. Facilities were always over crowded, food could be issued only at a subsistence level, and in spite of everything we could do progress was slow.

As usual, individuals with no responsibility in the matter, their humanitarian impulses outraged by conditions that were frequently beyond help, began carrying to America tales of indifference, negligence, and callousness on the part of the troops. Generally these stories were lies. The thousands of men assigned to the job of rescuing the DP's and organising relief for them were Americans. They were given every facility and assistance the Army could provide, and they were genuinely concerned in doing their utmost for these unfortunates of the earth. But because perfection could not be achieved some so-called investigators were a golden chance for personal publicity. They did at the expense of great numbers of Americans who laboured night and day to alleviate the average lot of people who had suffered so much that they seemed at times beyond suffering.

With commanders and members of my staff I made frequent visits to these camps. We would spend hours in each, discussing at first hand what was needed or most desired, and supplying these when ever possible.

In the months since, great improvements have gradually been made; but the problems are not yet solved. Of all the distressing memories that will forever live with American veterans of the war in Europe, none will be sharper or more enduring

than those of the DP's and of the horror camps established by the Nazis.

The first business meeting of the Berlin Council was held on July 10. Chairmanship of the Council was to rotate monthly and a fine spirit was initially noticeable. Differences of opinion developed but most of these involved details of procedure or method, and in the prevailing cooperative atmosphere—none of them seemed to threaten great difficulty.

In early July we received word that the Potsdam Conference would soon convene. Again we had to prepare accommodations and protection for the reception of VIP's but in this instance my task was limited to that of receiving and entering for the American delegation only. I went to Antwerp to meet the cruiser on which President Truman and Secretary Byrnes came to Europe. There I had an opportunity to discuss with them a few points which I thought important.

First, I urged that civilian authority take over military government at the earliest possible date. I pointed out to the President and the Secretary that while the Army would obviously have to stay in control until order was assured, the government of individuals in their normal daily lives was not a part of military responsibility. I felt that no matter how efficiently and devotedly the Army might apply itself to this task, misunderstandings would certainly arise. In the long run American concepts and traditions would be best served by the State Department's assuming over-all responsibility in Germany, using the American Army there merely as an adjunct and supporter of civil authority and policy. In principle both the President and the Secretary emphatically agreed with me and I was encouraged to believe that this development would come about within a period of a few months.

To Be Continued

JAPANESE OLD GUARD 'AS STRONG AS EVER'

New York, February 8.

A prominent writer on Asian affairs reports today that the "old guard" is almost as strong as ever in Japan and may make trouble when the Allied Occupation ends.

The warning comes from T. A. Bisson in "Prospects for Democracy in Japan," published under the auspices of the Institute of Pacific Affairs.

Bisson traces the American occupation up to and including the "new trend" outlined in the April, 1948, report by the Under-Secretary of the Army, William H. Draper, and others. The "Draper report" called for an economic pump-priming programme aimed to restore Japanese industry and ease the occupation burden borne by U.S. taxpayers.

"Application of the Draper programme," Bisson concludes, "appears destined to strengthen the old business group and restore it to good standing. In view of this group's record in relation to Japan's post-war economy, there is good reason to question whether it will utilise forthcoming American aid to the best advantage."

"Other Far Eastern nations are also concerned and are asking whether the old Japanese leaders can safely be entrusted with the handling of an intensive drive designed to restore Japan to the position of the 'workshop of the Far East'."

The Zaitatsu

"Japan's business leaders successfully fostered a situation under which no profits could be obtained from a foreign trade that they did not control, or in fact form any economic activity other than domestic black marketeering."

"Instead of urging that SCAP cease to rely on the old regime and endeavour to develop a genuinely new and democratically minded leadership in both government and industry, the military-business interests represented by the Draper Mission took a very different view."

"Their proposed solution of the problem was to restore Japan to what was, in essence, her pre-World War II industrial status,

Drastic Move In Malaya

Singapore, February 9.

Thirty-five wealthy Chinese and Indians have been arrested in Malaya for paying protection money to Communist terrorists. It has been widely known for many months that many wealthy persons have been paying large sums of money to the Communists under threat of death, kidnapping, and destruction of their property.

But this is the Government's first move to stop the practice. The arrests took place at Johore Munt, Malacca. A Government statement said a number of leading citizens are among those arrested.

"The Government will not tolerate sustenance and support of bandit organisations by payment to them of money for whatever purposes," the statement said.

The statement said: "All 35 arrested are property owners whose estates have been contributing protection money." The statement added: "At least three have made frank admission to police of the sums paid on their behalf."—Associated Press.

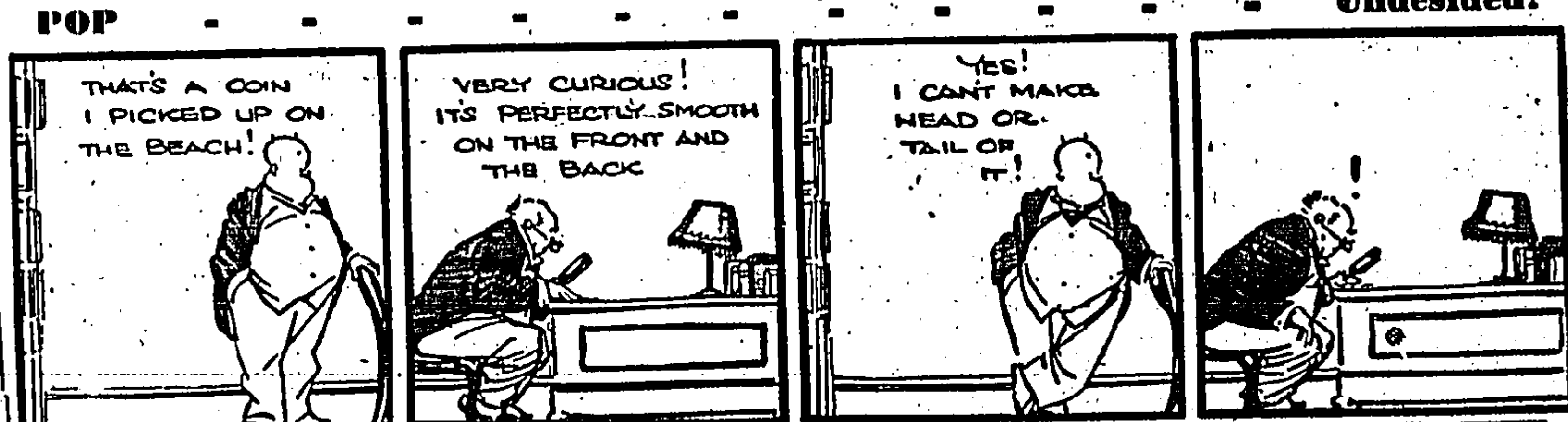
OPEN ADVOCACY OF NAZISM

New York, February 8.

The German magazine "Neue Politik," published in Switzerland and devoted to reviving Nazism, is being sold openly at many newsstands throughout the United States Zone of Germany, according to Dr. Robert Marcus, Political Director of the World Jewish Congress.

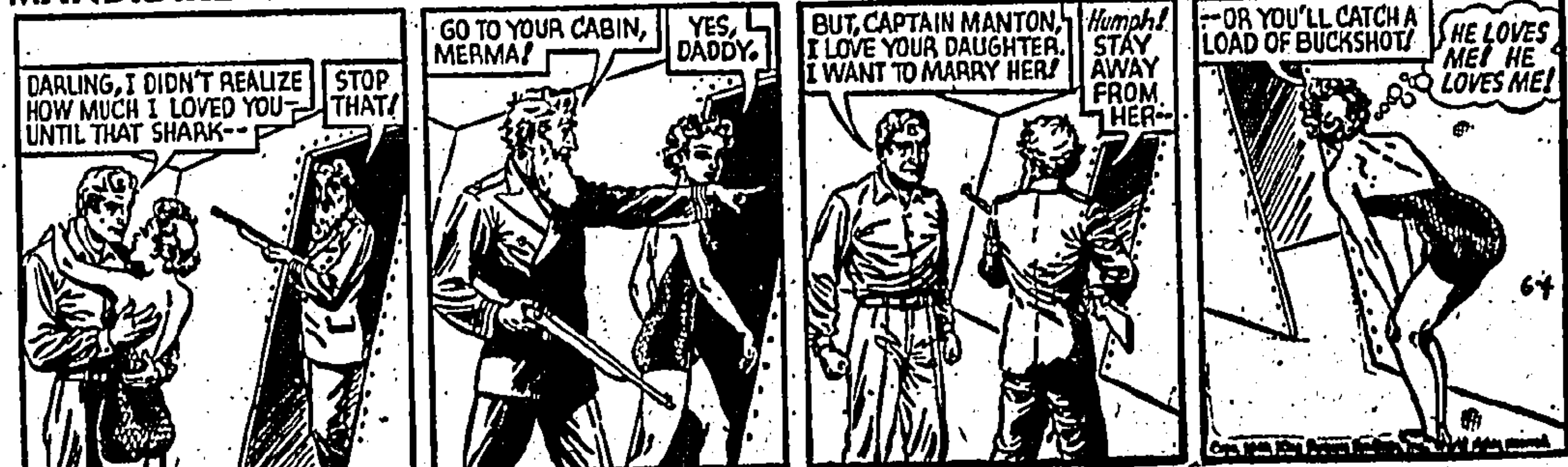
In a letter to Brigadier-General Charles Saltzman, Assistant Secretary of State in the Division of Occupied Areas, Dr. Marcus urged that the magazine be banned. He says the British authorities have already banned it.—Reuter.

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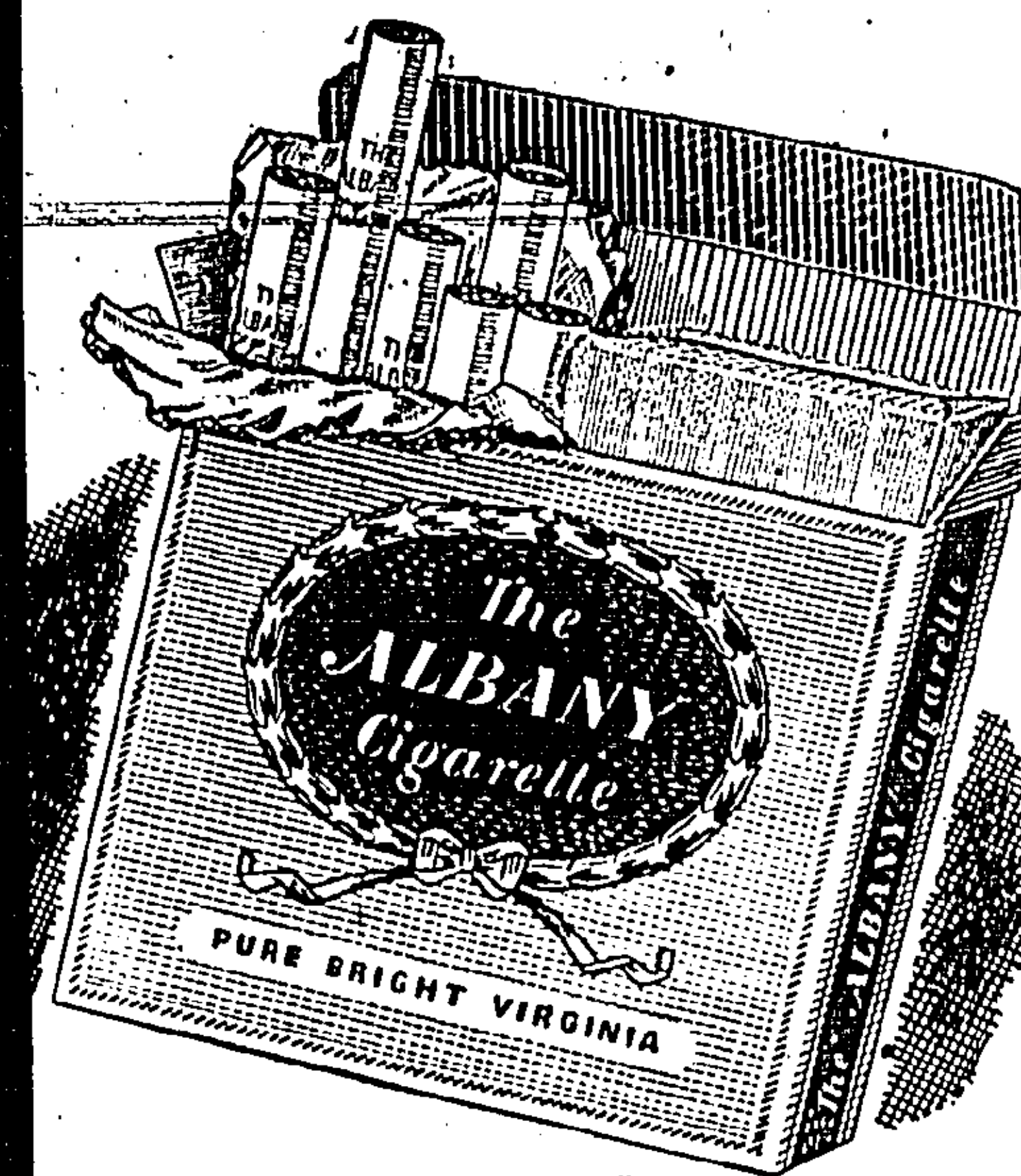


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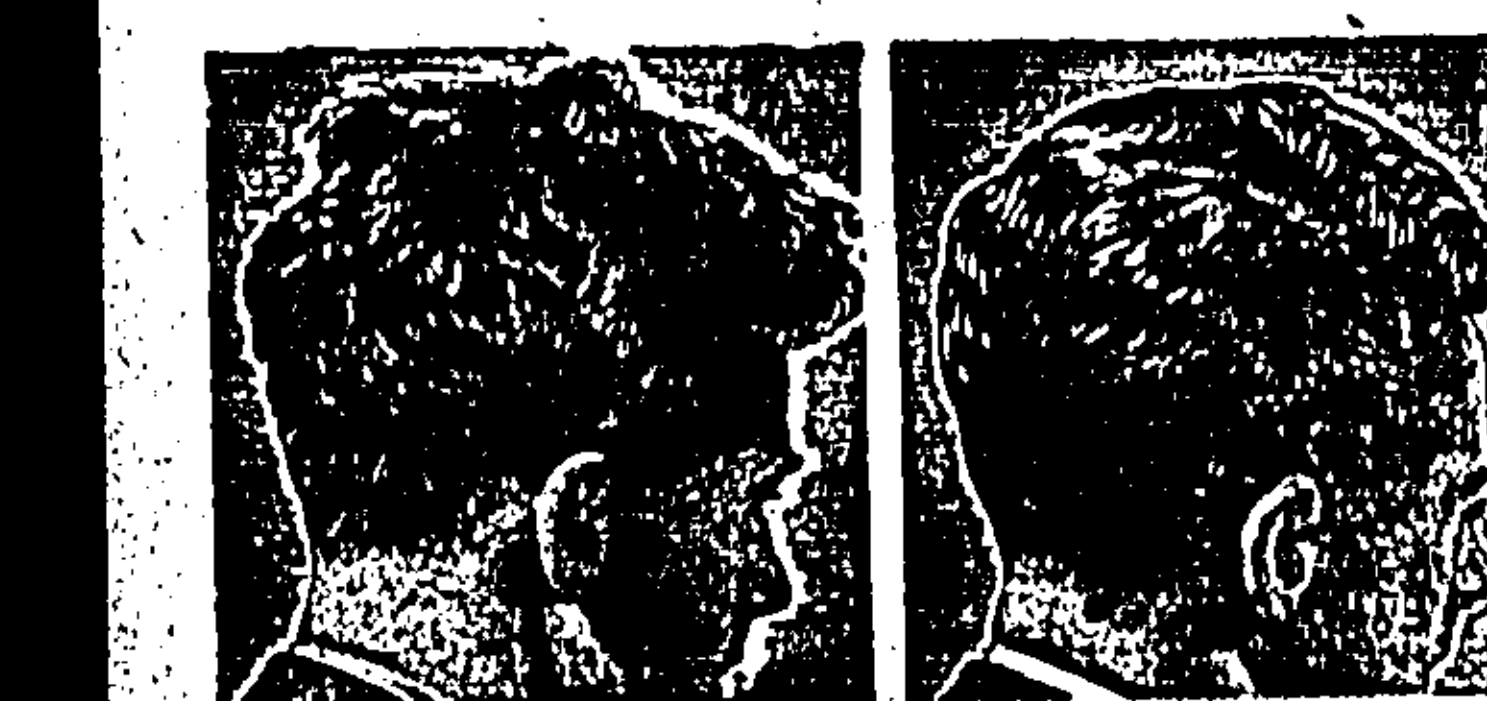


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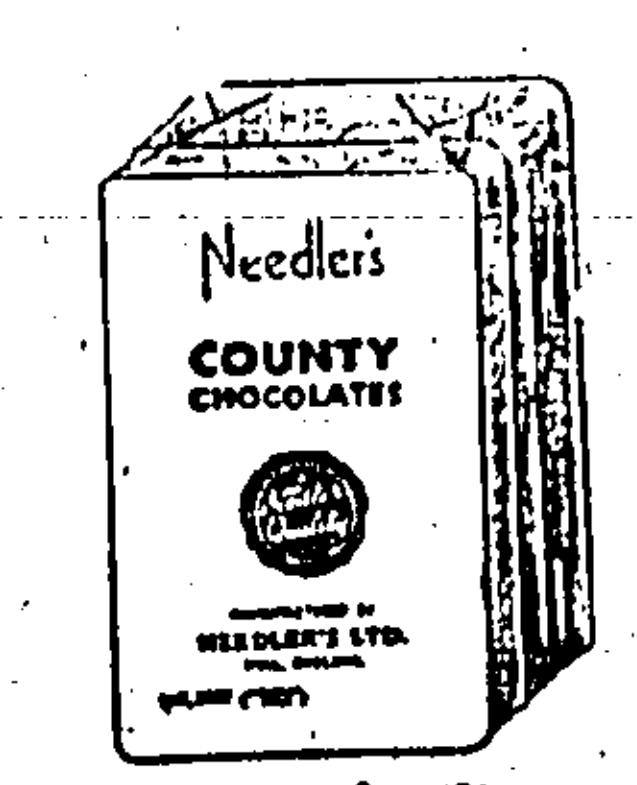
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DOCKYARD BRUSHES CASE

The case involving receiving stolen paint brushes, the property of the Royal Naval Dockyard, was concluded yesterday before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central when after a successful submission by Mr. M. A. da Silva, the three defendants were discharged.

The defendants were Cheung Shui, aged 30, shopkeeper of the Tung Bul Paint Shop, charged with receiving 196 paint brushes, valued at \$700; Leung Hung, aged 40, Manager of the Shing Kee Printing Shop, charged with receiving 218 brushes valued at \$900; and Liu Ping-lau, aged 26, shopkeeper of the Leung Shun Hong Firm, charged with receiving 76 brushes valued at \$300.

Leung Hung said that he paid \$1.50 for each brush and did not know where they came from. When the police visited his shop, the brushes were inside a show case and could easily be seen. Some of the brushes had already been sold.

Liu Ping-lau said that he paid \$1.50 for each brush. He bought the brushes for his own use. In his submission, Mr. Silva said that it was the onus of the prosecution to prove the guilt of his clients. They had not done so.

"The evidence of my clients was unchallenged and I ask that they be discharged," concluded Mr. Silva.

Mr. Lo ordered the brushes to be handed back to the Naval Authority.

GUARD ATTACKED

When Forestry Guard Chan Kit was unable to repay \$30 to his colleague, Lau Kuen, on December 12 last, he was struck once or twice while lying on his bed. An hour later, he collapsed and was admitted to Kowloon Hospital suffering from a ruptured spleen.

The blows were fairly light and, if the spleen had not been enlarged to three or four times its normal size, nothing would have resulted, said Detective Inspector C. Downman when Lau was charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with assault.

Det.-Insp. Downman said that defendant was the head of a money club formed among the Forestry Guards and that complainant got into debt to the sum of \$36 to Lau.

When Lau asked for payment on December 12 last, Chan told him that he had no money and suggested that Lau should borrow it from some one else and he (Chan) would stand guarantor.

This annoyed defendant who struck complainant one or two blows. An hour later, Chan collapsed and was admitted to Kowloon Hospital where he was detained for some days.

Defendant was not seen again until early this month when he went back to Lanchow to collect some of the money due to him. He was arrested by Mr. Everest, and handed over to the police.

Lau was fined \$100, or four weeks, and bound over in the sum of \$500 for a year, after Det.-Insp. Downman had stated that he bore a good character and had been employed in the Forestry Department since February 1940.

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"False Impression" Of Malaya Campaign

London, February 8.
Lieutenant General A. E. Percival, General Officer Commanding in Malaya during the 1942 campaign, today said that Field Marshal Lord Wavell gave a wrong impression regarding high direction of the war against the Japanese.

Commenting on Colonel Spencer Chapman's book "The Jungle is Neutral," General Percival said: "It is a wonderful story but unfortunately some of his statements about higher direction of the war give a false impression, as also does the statement made by Lord Wavell in the foreword."

"I hope to publish my views on this matter in a few days," United Press.

SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR MALAYA

London, February 8.
Consultation between the Secretaries of State for War and the Colonies with a view to granting a higher degree of self-government to Malaya was urged by Mr. Frederick Longdon, Labour M.P., in the House of Commons today.

Little progress, he said, is being made by the forces under the War Minister's control in Malaya, "because the population is more favourable to the rebels than to the Government."

Mr. Michael Stewart, Financial Secretary to the War Office, replied: "I cannot accept the statement that little progress is being

made by the security forces in Malaya. They have in fact had significant successes."

"British, Gurkha and Malay units operating in most difficult circumstances and living in very trying conditions, have in the past six months carried out in the most praiseworthy manner a large number of difficult and arduous operations in aid of the civil power."

"It is not true that the population is more favourable to the bandits than to the Government."

"Much of the support of the bandits has come by extortion and intimidation."

"One the other hand, support for an orderly life and Government authority increases every day. The Government's policy in Malaya is to obtain by a steady and continuing process an ever-increasing measure of responsibility by the people,"—Reuter.

The reply came at about 11.30. The Cabinet said "Yes." I immediately took away off with me in a car to Mr. Reynaud's flat. We found it more or less in darkness. After an interval Mr. Reynaud emerged from his bedroom in his dressing-gown and told him the favourable news.

Ten fighter squadrons I then persuaded him to send for M. Daladier, who was duly summoned and brought to the flat to hear the decision of the British Cabinet. In this way I hoped to revive the spirits of our French friends, as much as our limited means allowed. Daladier never spoke a word. He rose slowly from his chair and wrung my hand.

I got back to the Embassy about 2 a.m. and slept well, through the cannon fire in petty aeroplane raids made one roll over from time to time. In the morning I flew home, reported to the Cabinet, and, in spite of other preoccupations, pressed on with the construction of the second level of the new Government.

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(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

ARMED ROBBERS' HAUL

Money and jewellery estimated at \$300 were taken by four robbers when they ransacked the ground floor of No. 62, Juk Wing Street at Shamshuiipo shortly after 8.30 p.m. last night.

Three of the robbers were armed with revolvers and on entering the house forced the inmates together into one corner where they were guarded by one of the robbers.

The robbers then began ransacking the place and after staying for 15 minutes, decamped with jewellery and money.

Took Father's Car

Tseng Shi-on, 19-year-old student of 780 Nathan Road, third floor, took his father's car, No. 3824, out but, when at Boundary Street near Nathan Road, was stopped by Traffic Police-corporal 2725 and asked to produce his licence.

Not having any, he was brought to the station, booked on the charge of driving without an appropriate licence, and released on bail of \$150.

The above was told to the court by Sub-Inspector J. H. Evans when Tseng failed to answer to the charge called before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday. SI Evans added that the offence took place at 10.50 a.m. on February 8.

Defendant's bail was ordered to be forfeited.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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Arrivals	Departures
"TISADANE" In port	to Javaports & Macassar 17th Feb.
"TASMAN" from Macassar & Javaports 19th Feb.	to Manila 28th March.
"TITJALENGKA" In port	to Javaports & Macassar 3rd March.

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"BUZ" In port	to South Africa & South America 23rd February.

"STRAAT SOENDA"

from South Africa	to South Africa
13th February.	21st March.

"BOISSEVAIN"

from South America & South Africa	to South Africa & South America
31st March.	18th April.

"STRAAT MALAKKA"

from South America & South Africa	to South Africa & South America
5th March.	12th May.

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"VAN HEUTZ" from Amoy & Swatow, 25th Feb.	to Straits & B. Dell 27th Feb.
"VAN RIEMSDIJK" from B. Dell & S'pore 8th Mar.	to Straits & B. Dell 17th Mar.

Agents: HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE

Arrivals	Departures
"RIJNKERK" from Europe 17th Feb.	to S'hai, Japan via Keelung 19th Feb.
"MELISKERK" from Europe Early March.	to Europe via Manila & Straits Mid. March.
"MARIEKERK" from Europe Early April.	to Europe via Manila & Straits Mid. April.
"MOLENKERK" from Europe Early May.	to Europe via Manila & Straits Mid. May.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

DEFLATION SYMPTOMS MASKING INFLATIONARY TREND IN U.S.?

New York, February 8.

Going even beyond the academic views that the current deflationary symptoms have merely restored the equilibrium, some bankers are of the opinion that they are temporarily masking the continued inflationary trend.

To them it seems too early to say that inflation is past because, firstly, spendable funds are near the all-time peak.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

A quiet morning and rates still on the easy side.

H.K. GOVT. BONDS:

4% Loan 1949-50 100 1/2

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BANKS:

H.K. & S. Bank 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Chartered Bank 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Mercantile Bank 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Bank of East Asia 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

INSURANCE:

Union Ins. 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

China Union 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

H.K. Fire Ins. 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

SHIPPING:

North Point Wharves 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Sh. Hongkong Wharves 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

H.K. Wharves 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

China Dockyards 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Shanghai Dockyards 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Wheelocks 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

MINING:

South Mines 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

H.K. Mines 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS:

H. & S. Hotels 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

H.K. Hotels 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

H.K. Hotels 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Shanghai Hotels 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Humphreys (Old) 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

H.K. Realities 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Chinese Estates 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

PUBLIC UTILITIES:

H.K. Tramways 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Peak Tram (Old) 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Star Ferry 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

C. Light (Old) 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

(New) 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

H.K. Electric 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Manila Electric 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Bandan Electric 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Shanghai Gas 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

INDUSTRIALS:

Cable News (Old) 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Canton Tea Co. 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

J.K. Buses 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

STORAGE:

Lat. P. (Old) 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

(New) 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Watsons (Old) 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

(New) 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

L. Crawford (Old) 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

(New) 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Sincere 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

China Emporium 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Sun Co. Ltd. 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Kowloon Hotel 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Wing On (Old) 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Wm. Powell, Ltd. 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS:

China Entertainment 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

H.K. Construction (Old) 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

(New) 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Vibros (Old) 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

(New) 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Marman Investments 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Marman (Old) 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Shanghai Loan 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Yongtong 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

COTTONS:

2nd 82 1/2, 80 1/2

RUBBER, ETC., COMPANIES:

Alm Estate 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Natu Anama 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Bute Plantations 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Chemore United 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

China Rubber 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Consolidated Rubber 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Domination Rubber 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Secondly, money is being tight and cheap. Thirdly, credit may expand further. Fourthly, some important products are still scarce. Fifthly, rents, wages, freight continue to rise. Sixthly, farm products are supported at about the present prices. Seventhly, recording peace-time government spending.

They say that the present business readjustment, by stimulating efforts to support the boom, may actually aggravate inflation, especially by bigger Government spending.

Cotton, rayon and some other industries, which were disaffected last year, are now reviving. Textile mills are re-opening since the New Year and lavish spending habits of the past 15 years make a buyers' strike unlikely.

Three million families want houses and the government is likely to provide the spending power or borrowing power to get them.

Wages and other costs are still rising.

Not Good Measure

Liquid assets in the public's hands have been on the up-trend since 1948. Banks can replenish reserves at will by selling Government securities without loss.

Many prices have fallen but others, including metals and machinery may rise further.

Anyway, the down-trend in prices is not inconsistent with inflation from 1905 to 1929.

Prices were on the down-trend but Wall Street and real estate had a roaring boom.

While retailers are finding that price cuts greatly stimulate sales, the price trend is not a good measure of the boom and inflation in other sectors.

Price Controls

Partly is unlikely to decline enough to reduce farm prices appreciably. Congressional action likely to tend towards higher wages, more government subsidies and more public works, all of which would continue or accelerate the boom.

President Truman's requested price controls may not be granted; if granted, unused; and if used, ineffective.

With credit available and not being controlled, President Truman's threat to enforce a further expansion of steel and certain other industries could inflame the boom to an extent that would stultify President Truman's anti-inflationary proposals—Reuter.

Pending Rubbers 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Latex Rubbers 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Butter 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Samoa Rubbers 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Shanghai 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Shanghai 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Sun 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Tanah 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

Tebong 100 1/2, 100 1/2, 100 1/2

London Stock Exchange

London, February 8.

After an initial period of dullness, London's stock market turned firmer today. Nevertheless, some uncertainty and hesitancy exists as a result of the South African Minister's no devaluation speech, and news of the sale of a proportion of the Union's gold in the free market.

Other factors were slightly easier and under the influence of continued weakness of Wall Street and Norwegian developments in international politics.

Leading industrial shares were small but trading was small and various sections were never really tested.

Oils again sagged. This, however, was during the initial stages and lower levels attracted some interest and the market closed well above the joyist.

The foreign bond market showed small declines but little stock changed hands.

Foreign rails were easier, change with a few sellers. The market has reached the stage where some stock-taking is available. Few fresh developments in prices are expected pending a clearer outlook or some guide from international politics and economics.

SECURITIES:

British Consols 2 1/2% 100 1/2

Conversion Loan 5 1/2% 100 1/2

Imperial Tobacco Co. (of G.B. & I.) 100 1/2

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